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MARGINAL COLUMN

By GEORGE LEONOF

WHEN current international events are recorded in retrospect, the so-called light of wisdom after the event may reveal that the Western world had long been heading for a policy shift, and that this imminent change was obscured from the general view by dictates of propaganda and political expediency. Perhaps the death of Stalin, the atomic deadlock and the new inter-relation of social, political and military forcing that followed had made a *detente* inevitable, but to a contemporary commentator it would seem that France, in one of her traditional but infrequent bursts of political realism, must be given credit for hastening the process.

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THE French Foreign Minister's address before the Anglo-American Press Association in Paris last Friday was only less sensational than the trends revealed by the Soviet Communist Party's 20th Congress. There was some similarity, too, between the Soviet Communists' disavowal of policies commonly associated with Stalin's name and M. Christian Pineau's declaration that he was "in profound disagreement with the policy pursued (towards Russia) by the Western countries during the last few years." This policy, he said, "committed the enormous fault of considering the problems of security as being the only international problems with which the West had to deal."

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M. PINEAU made several other categorical statements about Western policy which, coming from what Sir Winston Churchill was wont to regard as practically a "vacant chair" at the Western conference table, seemed to have shaken American and British leaders somewhat more than they wanted to show. It would be futile to speculate on the immediate impact which the French position had on the Secretary of State Dulles or Foreign Minister Selwyn Lloyd, but their speeches in New Delhi and Karachi this week were a fairly faithful echo of M. Pineau's exhortation that the Western allies occupy themselves with propaganda for peace instead of "speaking only of security."

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IT was never seriously supposed that there could be monolithic unity of views among the Western nations, with their far-flung interests, their long and proud tradition of independence and their strictly competitive economies. But M. Pineau's statement that there was not really a joint Anglo-American-French policy in world affairs was somewhat of a revelation. Two days later when Marshal Alphonse Juin said at a war memorial ceremony in Metz that "the plot from abroad to oust France from North Africa" would wreck Western Europe's defence, the Allied C.-in-C. Central Europe indicated that not only was there lack of agreement, but overt antagonism between the policies of the Western allies in a critical region of the world.

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IT is not impossible that Marshal Juin's directness was a reflection of the soldier's distaste for the interference of higher politics into what he regards as a purely military affair, but it is no secret that France has long been in disagreement with her allies on their handling of Middle Eastern problems. Both political realism and her interests in North Africa, which are being actively subverted by Egypt, have convinced French leaders that kid gloves and a bagful of concessions are not the right diplomatic paraphernalia for dealings with the Arab states. And although other French Foreign Ministers have shared this view, M. Pineau was the first to proclaim it to the world. His timing, if purely accidental, was nonetheless admirable, for it came at a time when Britain which had been entrusted with forming policy in this part of the world, is seriously reflecting on the effectiveness of her approach.

Jerusalem, March 8.

Burns Confers With Egyptian Leaders

Maj.-Gen. E. L. M. Burns, U.N. Chief Truce Supervisor, continued his border pacification talks in Cairo yesterday. He conferred for the second time with Foreign Minister Mahmoud Fawzi and Col. Salah Gohar, Director of Palestine Affairs at the War Ministry, NEABS reported.

Later, Gen. Burns met with the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Henry Byroade, and the British Ambassador, Sir Humphrey Trevelyan.

THE CURTAIN COMES DOWN

on Britain's Middle East empire, and in tomorrow's issue of The Jerusalem Post, Sgan-Aluf Yisrael Beer explains how Glubb and the other self-styled "new Lawrences" have helped bring this about in "A Hero of the Empty View Bows Out."

Other articles include Plumbing the Deep in a British Sub; Nazism an Issue in West Germany; India's New Five-Year Plan; the Ideologies of East and West.

U.S. President Hails Bulganin's Reaction

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (Reuter). — President Eisenhower pledged himself today to follow up any move from Moscow which looked as though it would lessen world tension.

The President appeared pleased with the initial reaction in Moscow to his letter this week to Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, and noted that the text of the letter had been published rather quickly in the Soviet Union.

Asked if the time might now be ripe for a visit by Marshal Bulganin to the U.S., the President replied that he had not thought of that.

Mr. Eisenhower said that the new Soviet tactics were forcing the U.S. to strengthen part of its policies in the foreign economic field. He did not believe that any American would want to see the U.S. or its allies weak militarily, but they had to have more flexibility in foreign aid.

That was why he had asked for increased appropriations and more flexibility in future U.S. foreign economic aid programmes.

Welcomed by Bulganin

In Moscow earlier, Marshal Bulganin welcomed the new letter on disarmament from President Eisenhower and expressed hope that "this correspondence will continue for a long time." He told a reporter last night that the letter delivered to him on Monday by the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Charles Bohlen, was "a very interesting letter and a good one."

All Soviet newspapers today published the text of Eisenhower's message. This was an unusual step because a communique from a foreign state or statesman is rarely published in the Soviet Union before the Soviet reply is available to appear with it.

Mr. Eisenhower appealed for renewed efforts at world disarmament and especially for "bringing under control" the threat of nuclear warfare. He said that the U.S. would be "prepared to work out, with other nations, suitable and safeguarded arrangements so that future production of fissionable materials anywhere in the world would no longer be used to increase the stockpiles of explosive weapons."

U.N. Disarmament Body Plans Meeting

LONDON, Wednesday (Reuter). — The U.N. Disarmament Sub-Committee is being convened for a further meeting in London on March 19, an authoritative source disclosed.

States represented on the committee are the U.S., France, Britain, Canada and the Soviet Union. Preparatory meetings of officials are expected to begin later this week.

Nixon Must Decide, Eisenhower Says

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (Reuter). — President Eisenhower said today that he had asked Vice-President Richard Nixon to chart his own course on whether he wanted to bid for another term.

Mr. Eisenhower told his news conference that he has no criticism of Mr. Nixon as a man, an associate or a running mate on the Republican ticket. But he said he has not presumed to tell Mr. Nixon what he should do about the campaign this year.

Mr. Eisenhower declined to say whether he would favour Mr. Nixon as his running mate if the Vice-President should decide that he would seek another term. He added that he had no criticism whatsoever of Mr. Nixon as an associate, or as his running mate.

Denmark, USSR To Resume Trade Talks

MOSCOW, Wednesday (Reuter). — Denmark has won a key concession from Russia in the form of a promised two-year trade pact without yielding on her refusal to supply the Soviet Union with potentially strategic tankers.

A communique signed by the Danish Premier, Mr. H. C. Hansen and the Soviet Premier, Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, said yesterday that the two countries will resume trade talks in Copenhagen with the aim of a trade pact, and that Denmark would provide Russia with either one tanker or two cargo vessels. Mr. Hansen, speaking later at a press conference, said that Denmark would not yield over the tanker issue, which had led to the breaking off of trade negotiations in 1954.

SIX CYPRIOTS GET LIFE SENTENCE

NICOSIA, Wednesday (UP). — Six young Greek Cypriots were sentenced tdoay to life imprisonment, having been convicted for possessing firearms. They were arrested after terrorists had attacked a police station and killed a British officer.

(In Athens, Premier Constantin Karamanlis said that the "sacrificial Cyprus struggle" would continue until the colony achieves the same rights "demanded of Britain by the American colonies 180 years ago.")

Economic Ministers Reply To Knesset Debate on Budget

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Ministers of Commerce, Agriculture and Labour yesterday replied to the Knesset debate on the budgets of their Ministries. The Knesset went on to debate the fourth group of Ministries — Interior, Religious Affairs, Justice and Police — after the Minister of Interior, Mr. I. Bar-Yehuda, reviewed the work of his Ministry.

At the rate the debate is going, the first reading of the budget bill should be completed next Tuesday.

Mr. P. Sapir, Minister of Commerce and Industry, who for a good part of the debate was the only Minister present, said that the Government's credit policy had justified itself.

The policy was a flexible one and was bound to no dogmas, the Minister declared. At this time, credit should certainly be expanded, mainly for agriculture and industry capable of increasing exports and reducing imports. He believed that credit would be expanded this year.

People who thought that our export problems would be solved by Government aid alone were under a delusion, Mr. Sapir said. The Government would help, but even more important was the part of the manufacturers and the workers — to raise efficiency, increase output and decrease general overhead.

Imports not Sabotage

Mr. Sapir disagreed with those who think that all imports sabotage local industry. Where the production of some items locally was not economically sound, we would continue to import them, even if such products were already being produced here.

It was not true that the private and public sectors could not develop side by side as General Zionist speakers had argued, Mr. Sapir said. He asserted that a study of the enterprises which had received equipment with Reparations Funds would disprove the charge that there was discrimination against the private sector.

The Minister of Agriculture, Mr. K. Loox, replied to the charge that the granting of agricultural subsidies proved that our agricultural production was not maintaining itself. To argue thus, he said, was to forget the function subsidies play in keeping down the Cost-of-Living Index. The farmers themselves would like to see subsidies abolished.

On the import question, Mr. Loox did not see eye to eye with Mr. Sapir. He said that a good part of the products imported were sold here as low as one-fourth of the price in the country of origin. Nevertheless, local agriculture was managing to compete with such products, butter and cheese for example. But the competing imports limited to some extent the possibility of developing such branches of the economy.

Commenting on the charge of Dr. B. Avniel that there had been poor agricultural planning, Mr. Loox said it was true that an error had been made by experts in estimating the amount of water resources and that this had resulted in a change of plans. But planning was not a static thing; it had to be changed from day to day in accordance with circumstances.

Work for Most

The Minister of Labour, Mrs. Golda Myerson, said that practically everyone registered in labour exchanges would be given work before Passover and would also be paid before the holiday. In general, she added, workers on relief projects for which her Ministry was responsible were now being paid early in the month.

Replying to speakers of religious parties who claimed that permits for work on the Sabbath were being issued indiscriminately, Mrs. Myerson said that all such permits were approved by a committee consisting of the Prime Minister, the Minister for Religious Affairs and the Minister of Labour—although the decisions were not always unanimous.

No permits were issued unless the Sabbath work was

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AFTER MIDNIGHT

British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd has accepted an Indian proposal to invite Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov to talks to consider the Vietnam situation, French sources said in Karachi last night. French Foreign Minister Christian Pineau had told Mr. Lloyd in talks he supported the British invitation.

Sultan Warns Spain Not to Bar Morocco Unity

RABAT, Wednesday (UP). — Sultan Mohammed ben Yussef warned Spain today that her opposition to Morocco's reunification "risks compromising Spanish-Moroccan relations." He made his blunt statement when speaking to a delegation of Moroccans from the Spanish zone. The visitors staged a protest march, shouting anti-Spanish slogans and demanding that the Spanish zone be integrated into Morocco.

Simultaneously, the Democratic Independence (PDI) nationalist party announced that it cabled a protest to the U.N. and the Arab League today against incidents in Spanish Morocco. The party, which holds several top Cabinet posts, sent similar cables to the Spanish Chief of State, Gen. Francisco Franco, and the Spanish Consul in Rabat.

Unrest swept Spanish Morocco shortly after France last week abolished her 44-year-old protectorate, granting her full sovereignty. Reports from the Spanish zone said that more than 20 persons were killed and dozens wounded in clashes between nationalist mobs and Spanish security forces.

Armed police today patrolled in front of the Spanish Consulate here after car-riding attackers late last night and tonight threw bombs at the building. There was only slight damage.

In Tangiers, the international city, a large crowd of demonstrators marched to the Spanish Legation shouting "Down with Spain," and "Death to Franco." This brought out Spanish security forces who surrounded the building. The incident occurred as the whole Arab section continued "independence celebraions."

B'not Ya'akov Project 'Aggression,' Arabs Say

CAIRO, Wednesday (UP).—The Heads of State of Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Syria who opened their talks here yesterday, have decided that resumption of work by Israel to divert the Jordan River would constitute "aggression" and would bring immediate Arab retaliation, conference sources reported tonight.

The decision, it was understood, was the fruit of close to four hours of secret conference today by the leaders, who were accompanied by their chief military strategists.

Iraq Urges High-Level Arab Military Talks

The Iraqi Government has suggested a high-level military conference with Jordan, Syria and Egypt to discuss repelling "Israel aggression," Radio Ramallah announced yesterday.

Infiltrators Raid Kibbutz Closets

BEERSHEBA, Wednesday. — While *kibbutz* members were enjoying a cinema performance in Hatzerim at midnight last night, a group of infiltrators entered their rooms and rifled the clothes closets.

Following the performance the settlers saw their rooms in disorder and turned on the searchlight which enabled them to see three or four Arabs making off with their clothing.

The settlers gave chase firing as they ran while another group tried to cut off the marauders' line of retreat. The infiltrators managed to get away leaving very little of the stolen clothing behind.

This is the second time in a month that infiltrators have penetrated into the settlement and only two nights ago a band was detected in the vicinity of the *kibbutz*.

Infiltrators stole a horse and a mule valued at IL1,500 from Shuval IV on Monday.

Orthodox Seek Election Pledge

A delegation of the Hapoel Hamizrahi-Mizrahi Knesset faction was received by the Prime Minister yesterday and asked for the implementation of certain religious members which they claim were promised under the Coalition agreement.

The appointment of a Hapoel Hamizrahi Deputy Minister of Education with fully defined authority is the Party's most urgent demand. To this, Mr. Ben-Gurion suggested that they first put forward a candidate. With regard to an enabling act authorising municipalities to prohibit pig raising, as well as the sale of pork products, he promised to consult with the Minister of Justice. There are also further requirements with regard to arrangements in Gadna, the secondary schools and immigration.

These points were first raised with Mr. Ben-Gurion when he met with Mr. M. Unna, Hapoel Hamizrahi M.K., on Tuesday. There is no question of the party leaving the Government, owing to the critical situation, but they claim that the original Coalition promises have not been fulfilled. The party has asked for greater freedom for religious training in Gadna, a matter which has been agreed upon in principle. They also seek the establishment of religious state secondary schools, similar to the religious elementary schools.

The Party also wishes assurance that a change will be made in the present system by which only 30 per cent of the new immigrants are placed in specifically religious settlements or villages, the others going to settlements controlled by various sections of the non-religious labour movement. Hapoel Hamizrahi claims that the proportion of religious immigrants is considerably higher than 30 per cent, and that immigrants should be given a free choice of the type of settlement which they are to join.

This is actually a question for the Jewish Agency, but Hapoel Hamizrahi has been exerting pressure on its colleagues in the Government to assist in having the point of view accepted.

The delegation was composed of Messrs. M. Unna, Z. Warhaftig, I. Rosenberg and I. Raphael.

1,700 U.S. Marines To Mediterranean

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (Reuter). — The U.S. State Department announced today that a reinforced battalion of about 1,700 to 1,800 Marines would be sent to the Mediterranean area within a few days.

A similar unit was withdrawn from the area, which includes the troubled Middle East, last spring.

Defence Department officials indicated today that the Joint Chiefs of Staff had recommended restoring the force to the area.

The Pentagon's formal announcement said only that the movement was in line with "the regular programme of intermittently assigning battalion-sized Marine units into the Mediterranean area for training and manoeuvres."

Body of Fourth Policeman Found

The body of Makhlouf Shalush, the fourth policeman killed in the Syrian attack on an Israel police launch on Sunday, was returned to the Israel M.A.C. delegation yesterday morning, the Foreign Ministry spokesman announced last night.

According to the Syrians, the body was found close to the spot where the body of the third police officer allegedly was found on Monday. During the past three days, intensive searches have been carried out in this very vicinity without producing any results, the spokesman concluded. The condition of the body does not suggest it had been immersed in water for four days.

It is understood that clear signs have been found that two of the policemen were still alive when the Syrians dragged the boat up onto the shore. The other two are believed to have been killed while they were still in the launch.

Alive on Capture

Our Tiberias correspondent reports that the body was received by Segen-Mishne Uri Seligson, who had gone out during the morning with a search party made up of a number of fishermen from Kibbutz Ginossar and a U.N. Observer.

As they approached the Syrian village of Moussadiye, they were greeted by a second U.N. Observer, who said that the body of the fourth policeman had been found earlier in the morning in the Lake and was in a house in the village.

The body was taken in a police launch to the Poria Hospital for a pathological examination. The victim's shoes and socks were missing.

The burial will take place today in Tiberias.

Eban Sees U.N. Chief On Syrian Attacks

UNITED NATIONS, Wednesday (Reuter). — The Israel protest to the Security Council against two wanton acts of aggression by Syrian forces against Israelis pursuing their lawful activities inside Israel territory, was backed today by a personal call by the Israel Ambassador, Mr. Abba Eban, on Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold.

The protest was in the form of a letter to the President of the Council, Sir Pierson Dixon of Britain, from Mr. Mordechai Kidron, Israel's deputy permanent representative at the U.N. The incidents he referred to occurred last Sunday and Monday. They concerned the killing of four Israel policemen in a boat on Lake Kinneret and the forcing down of an Israel plane by Syrian anti-aircraft fire.

Pineau Briefs Dulles on Paris Mid-East Policy

KARACHI, Wednesday (Reuter). — The French Foreign Minister, M. Christian Pineau, who has called for new policies to settle East-West problems, explained his foreign policy today to the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dulles.

Informed sources said that M. Pineau briefed Mr. Dulles on French policy in the Middle and Far East, as well as North Africa. He also expressed satisfaction at President Eisenhower's latest letter to Marshal Bulganin, the Soviet Premier.

M. Pineau today entered a second strong plea for a wholesale shift in the West's attitude towards Communism. He referred to the "revolution" which emerged from the 20th Congress of the Soviet Communist Party and interpreted this as a basic change in Soviet policy.

The Socialist Foreign Minister was regaling his views for an information service attached to the SEATO conference. Last Friday, M. Pineau said in a Paris speech that he was in "profound disagreement" with Western policy in recent years.

He said today, "Essentially, the Soviet era of aggression has passed. They have now entered a phase of pacific coexistence."

Pineau's Visit To Israel Confirmed

Israel has been informed of the impending visit of Foreign Minister Christian Pineau, of France, it was learned yesterday.

The date for his visit has not yet been set, nor is it known how long he will remain. It is understood that M. Pineau's presence in Israel will be most welcomed by the Government.

Jordan Cancels Glubb's Orders

The Jordan Government yesterday cancelled all action taken by Gen. John Glubb against officers and privates of the Arab Legion and against Jordan students who were detained, expelled, or who fled to Syria after the anti-Baghdad pact riots in December and January.

The action affects two high-ranking Legion officers who were arrested, nine Legionnaires and 34 students who fled to Syria at the time.

Premier Samir Rifa'i ordered the lifting of censorship on all outgoing press cables which was imposed on Thursday on the eve of Gen. Glubb's dismissal. An official Jordan announcement also revealed that Sir Alec Kirkbride, the former British envoy who arrived unexpectedly in Amman and had conferred with the British Ambassador, Mr. Charles Duke, and Rifa'i, had only come to "collect historical data" for a book he is writing on Jordan.

It was also reported that Lieut.-Col. Sir Patrick Coghill, the Legions's Chief Intelligence Officer who was ousted with Gen. Glubb, did not leave with his commander, as reported earlier. He arrived in the Old City on Tuesday to visit the Holy Places and later flew to Beirut on his way to Britain.

The Jordan Premier was also reported to have ordered the closing down of the Amman radio which had gone on the air only 45 days ago, under the direction of Iraqi-born Yunis el-Bahri, who returned to the Middle East after World War II during which he had broadcast for the Nazis from Berlin.

Meanwhile, the population of Shuneh, site of King Abdullah's former winter palace near the Allenby Bridge over the Jordan, has asked the Government to re-name the bridge after Salah e-Din.

(ANA, El Jihad, Reuter)

British Ready to Fly Paratroops to Jordan

NICOSIA, Wednesday (UP).—British paratroops in Cyprus were standing by "at a moment's notice" to fly to Amman or "any other trouble spot in the Middle East," a British Army spokesman confirmed today.

He said that the plan of action under which the paratroops would be engaged was not a single plan but a series of "special blueprints." All had separate code names. If necessary, the spokesman said, the Army and the Royal Air Force would cooperate in evacuating U.S. and British civilians from any Middle Eastern trouble spot, and the British and American Governments were now working out the details.

ELATH AT BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE

LONDON, Wednesday (INA). — The Israel Ambassador, Mr. Eliahu Elath, yesterday called on Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick, Permanent Under-Secretary for the Foreign Office. While there was no announcement of the purpose of the visit, it is believed that the main topics under discussion were the latest Jordan events and the acquiring by Israel of defensive arms within the terms of the 1950 tripartite declaration.

Israel's Present Borders Not Agreed—Nutting

Rejects Request for Guarantee

LONDON, Wednesday (Reuter). — The British Labour Opposition party today urged the Government to send arms to Israel and to confine its future help to Arab nations in the Middle East to economic aid.

The demand came from Mr. Hugh Gaitskell, Labour Party leader, in a Commons debate on the Middle East crisis arising from Jordan's dismissal of General John Glubb as Commander of the Arab Legion.

Mr. Gaitskell, who said that Anglo-American discussions so far have failed to produce an effective Middle East policy, urged Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden to adopt a new programme in the area.

Earlier, the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Anthony Nutting, who opened the debate, turned down Labour demands that Britain guarantee Israel's frontiers. Such an undertaking would commit Britain "to the permanent recognition of a frontier which is not agreed, a frontier which results from an armistice and not from a peace treaty, and which is bitterly opposed by all the Arab nations," he declared.

'Step Away from Peace'

He added, "The Government cannot be expected to give a guarantee which would amount in effect to recognition in perpetuity of the existing armistice lines. It would be the biggest step we could take away from a peace settlement."

He said that the existing armistice lines were already guaranteed by the Tripartite Declaration.

Mr. Nutting reiterated Britain's determination to stand by the Baghdad pact, to which she belongs with Iraq, Persia, Turkey and Pakistan.

Mr. Nutting, who was given a stormy reception by Labour Members, refused to concur with their suggestion that the Baghdad pact had provoked Soviet intervention in the Middle East. He said that the pact was proving "an effective instrument of defence" in the area. Russian activity was "a calculated and carefully planned action to stir up trouble in the Middle East and to undermine Western influence."

He did not think that arms deliveries so far made by Soviet bloc countries had altered the balance of power between Israel and Egypt.

"We offer help, friendship and cooperation to all nations in that area," Mr. Nutting said. "True friends" would be built up and vital interests protected. British policy in the Middle East was based on the Baghdad pact and the 1950 Tripartite Declaration, he stressed.

Urges Talks with USSR

Mr. Gaitskell declared that it would be disastrous to try to bring other Arab states into the Baghdad pact, particularly while the U.S. remained outside it.

The Government should take advantage of the visit here next month of Marshal Nikolai Bulganin and Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, the Soviet leaders, and discuss with them the Middle East situation. Middle East problems could not be solved without the Russians, he said.

The Labour leader also urged a joint declaration with the U.S. on Middle East policy. He said that if Britain stood by the Tripartite Declaration, Israel should be allowed enough arms to defend herself, including tanks and modern planes.

Other countries in the Middle East should receive only economic help, he said.

Mr. Gaitskell queried the wisdom of continuing the £12m. subsidy to Jordan out of which the Arab Legion is financed. He said, "It is after all now a very real danger

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Ike: Israel's Arms Capacity Low

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (Reuter). — President Eisenhower told his press conference today that both the U.S. and Britain were trying to promote understanding and friendship among the potential enemies of the Middle East.

He said this when asked to comment on recent developments in Jordan, including the dismissal of the British Commander of the Arab Legion, Gen. John Glubb. Gen. Glubb's dismissal was a matter which he would rather hear discussed from London than from Washington, the President said, but added that the event should not be minimized or regarded with complacency.

He stated that Israel, with a comparatively small population, could not absorb the arms which the Arabs, with a total population of some 40 million, could absorb.

Mr. Eisenhower said that the policies of Britain and the U.S. were based on the belief that only by promoting understanding and friendship could they bring about a situation which would not be a permanent source of irritation to the whole world.

Befriend Both Sides

They were trying to be friends with both sides in the hope that they could promote this understanding and friendship, he declared.

Asked why the U.S. had failed to satisfy Israel's request for defensive arms while sending light tanks to Saudi Arabia, the President replied that the tanks were ordered a long time ago and the U.S. was trying to avoid an arms race in the Middle East.

He restated the U.S. position that the U.N. should take urgent and early action on this matter, that both sides in the controversy should agree to abide by U.N. advice and Armistice terms and to avoid initiating incidents so that the peace could be kept.

Egyptians Open Fire At Be'eri Post

Egyptian positions yesterday morning opened automatic fire on an Israel post in the area of Be'eri near the Gaza Strip. The post, which suffered no casualties, returned the fire.

Investigations continued yesterday of the mine blast in which an Israel soldier was killed when his army vehicle passed over the mine, the Foreign Ministry announced. Fresh tracks of two persons and three camels were discovered leading from the scene of the explosion, close to Nir Yitzhak, to the Egyptian border.

Egypt to Receive Soviet Rockets

By M. TADMOR

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

BONN, Wednesday. — The German weekly "Der Spiegel," reported today that Egypt will be the first non-Communist country to receive Soviet 130-mm. rocket launchers of the improved "Stalin Organ" type. She will also receive rockets resembling the U.S. "Matador." These rockets have a range of 130 to 150 kilometres.

A total of 310 Egyptian officers are now being trained as rocket specialists in Czechoslovakia at the military bases of Malnitza and Wischau, it was added.

Cairo Cuts luxury Imports for Arms

CAIRO, Wednesday (UP). — Egypt has decided to stop imports of cars, refrigerators and washing machines in order to purchase more arms, the Ministry of Finance announced today.

Minister of Finance Abdul Moneim el Kaissouni outlined the country's import policy for 1956. Its main feature is restriction on purchases abroad of consumer goods in order to acquire more armaments and heavy industrial equipment.

Cairo Delegates Shun MAC Meeting

An emergency meeting of the Israel-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commission did not take place as scheduled at Kilometre 95 on the Gaza road yesterday because the Egyptian delegation did not appear.

The Egyptians were understood to have given as their excuse the fact that they were not permitted to use the Ismailiya road to enter the Nitzana Demilitarized Zone for a regular meeting of the M.A.C. on February 29. Under a seven-year-old agreement to which they have adhered in the past, the Egyptians were to use the Rafa-el Auja highway into the Zone.

It is believed that their absence yesterday, however, was motivated by a desire to escape accusation for the latest series of aggressions committed upon Israel.

Eden Suggests New Mid-East Declaration with 'Teeth'

By GEORGE LICHTHEIM, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON, Wednesday. — A tripartite declaration "with teeth in it" to preserve peace in the Middle East, a new British treaty offer to Jordan, and closer American association with the Baghdad pact, are the Government's three rejoiners to last week's upheaval.

Anticipating today's debate, these suggestions were informally outlined by Sir Anthony Eden at yesterday's meeting with Conservative back-benchers, although with the proviso that 48 hours must pass before the Government's plans can be fully unfolded, and that anyhow, two of these proposed moves depend on American cooperation. The third, namely, a treaty offer to Jordan safeguarding the British bases there without giving Britain any control over the Arab Legion, depends on Jordan.

It is understood that the Prime Minister developed this theme with some passion, particularly warning his hearers that all now depends on Iraq, and urging them to refrain from criticizing the Baghdad pact which now forms the sheet anchor of the British position.

Iraq's Position

Today's Commons debate can hardly throw much light on the question whether Iraq is prepared to put the required pressure on Jordan to prevent a complete rupture of Anglo-Jordanian relations, but no public statements here are needed to confirm that Whitehall will do its utmost to prevent such a rupture. This also accords with the sentiment of right wing Tories who combine resentment against Egypt with hopes that the Jordanian position can somehow still be saved.

Basically, however, the Government now relies on being able to scare Washington into joining or underwriting the Baghdad pact whose collapse was described by the Prime Minister to the American Ambassador as likely unless immediately reinforced by American action. Following three hectic days of transatlantic cabling and telephoning, Whitehall today seems reasonably confident that such action can be combined with a tripartite warning to Egypt and Saudi Arabia that any attack on Israel will be regarded as a threat to world peace whatever that may mean in terms of actual performance.

On this subject official and semi-official commentators are understandably coy, the more so since the idea of imposing sanctions on Egypt is intensely disliked in the city and today predictably rejected by "The Times" as impracticable.

A major gain of the past 24 hours is that Israel's firmly defensive attitude is suddenly given great prominence, although the "injection of this alien polity into an Arab world fermenting with nascent nationalism" is editorially bewailed by "The Times" today as the chief cause of Britain's inability to establish friendly relations with the Arabs.

Non-salaried workers' insurance fees fall due on March 10

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The Foreign Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, has taken a few days' leave.

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The French Ambassador, M. Pierre E. Gilbert, and the Comedie Francaise actress, Miss Vera Korene, were the guests at a luncheon given yesterday for members of the French Federation of WIZO at present in this country. Mrs. Rebecca Sieff, President of World WIZO, presided. The French WIZO group was also entertained yesterday by the wife of the Cuban Charge d'Affaires, Mrs. David Ferdmann. The wife of the French Ambassador, Mme. Gilbert, the wife of the Swiss Minister, Mrs. Fritz Hegg, and Miss Korene were present.

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ARRIVALS: Mrs. Mary Segal, veteran Zionist leader in South Africa and a member of the Board of Directors of the Sharon Hotel, for a lengthy stay in connection with promoting Youth Aliya work in South Africa (she is staying at the Sharon Hotel); Mrs Sofia de Wallhisch, Chairman of the W.I.Z.O. Federation in Uruguay, for a two-month stay; Mr. Raphael Halperin, the Israel wrestling champion, from South Africa, where he picked up three additional titles — Rhodesia, Central Africa and South Africa.

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DEPARTURES: Mr. Paul Lewinson, of the Zim Navigation Company, for Hamburg to attend the Maritime Conference; the Wilkomirski Trio, Polish musicians, for home after a six-week tour.

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The first trees will be planted in the Wood of Zionist Youth at 3 p.m. today near Kibbutz Ein Hashlosha, outside the Gaza Strip. Buses will leave at 12.30 sharp from the Zionist Youth Secretariat, 34 Allenby Road, Tel Aviv.

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A general debate on "Egypt Today" will be held under the auspices of the Israel Oriental Society at 8.30 tonight in room 73, Ratisbonne Building, Jerusalem. The participants in the earlier symposium and round-table discussion will be present to reply to their critics.

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Professor H. Freudenthal, of the University of Utrecht, Holland, will lecture (in English) on "Foundations of Geometry and Octave Geometry" under the auspices of the Hebrew University at 3.30 today in Room 4, Institute of Mathematics, northern annex of the King David Hotel.

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Mr. Ya'akov Ben-Sira, will speak on "A University for Tel Aviv" at today's luncheon of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary Club at Z.O.A. House at 1.15 p.m.

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"Mozart the Prodigy," a concert of the composer's childhood works, will be given by the Collegium Musicum under the baton of Heinz Freudenthal at the Bezalel National Museum at 8.45 p.m. on Saturday. Mr. Arie Sachs will be harpsichord soloist. Tickets are on sale at the Museum.

Robert Shaw Group Due March 24

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Sale of tickets for the Robert Shaw Chorale and Orchestra started at box offices today, 17 days before the arrival of the choristers and musicians.

The 50 singers and musicians are to arrive here on March 24, after brief visits to Egypt and the Lebanon, and on the same evening will give their first performance at the Edison Theatre in Jerusalem.

Their next performance will be three days later in Tel Aviv at the Ohel Shem.

They will also appear in Haifa on March 28, Beersheba on March 30 and a day later at Ein Gev.

The troupe will leave for Turkey on April 3.

Here it will perform Mozart's Requiem, Brahms, 16th Century chorals, excerpts from "Porgy and Bess" and perhaps other Gershwin compositions.

Dr. Thomas H. McGrail, U.S. Cultural Attache, said the Robert Shaw Chorale "may be the best musical ensemble in the U.S., and one of the best in the world."

The Bristol Hotel has been rented for the ensemble, because of the pressure on hotels during Passover, Mr. W. H. Robert, the impresario, said.

The visit is under the patronage of the U.S. Ambassador, is sponsored by ANTA (supported by the President's Fund) and under the auspices of the Israel-U.S. Friendship League.

The price of tickets ranges from IL2.500 to IL8.

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LAW REPORT

The Jerusalem Post
March 8, 1956

In the Supreme Court Sitting as Court of Civil Appeals

Before the Deputy President (Justice Cheshin), Justices Silberg and Sussman.

Yeheskiel Khoujohinoff, Appellant, v. Avigail Aharanoff and Others, Respondents (C.A. 183/52).

Specific Performance of Land Sale

The Supreme Court, in three separate judgments, allowed an appeal against the decision of the Jerusalem Land Settlement Officer, delivered on May 8, 1952.

The appellant is the grandson of the late Yosef Khoujahinoff. The first three respondents are the heirs of the late Mrs. Khoujahinoff, widow of Yosef Khoujahinoff and the appellant's step-grandmother. When Mrs. Khoujahinoff died, her heirs claimed some land which she had inherited from her husband. The appellant claimed, on the other hand, that in accordance with a contract of sale dated February 1943, the deceased woman had sold him her share in the land left by her husband, and that he was entitled to registration of the land in his name.

The Jerusalem Land Settlement Officer basing his decision on the principles laid down in 51/48 (Paskim 1/429), held that the appellant was not entitled to specific performance of the contract of sale, damages for the breach of contract being adequate compensation in the circumstances.

Mr. Hiller appeared for the appellant, Dr. Wiener for the respondents.

Judgment

Justice Silberg, after setting out the facts of the case, held that it had already been decided in C.A. 155/52 *(The Jerusalem Post Law Reports of January 22, 1956)* that compensation is not an adequate substitute for specific performance of contracts with regard to land, even if the subject matter of the contract is not a specific piece of land, but a part of one or two plots, as in the case under consideration. The appeal should therefore be allowed.

Justice Cheshin

While agreeing that the appeal should be allowed, Justice Cheshin added some observations on the doctrine of specific performance of land deals. The fact that land held a special place in the affections of men did not account for the granting of specific performance in the case of contracts made by estate dealers, he said, nor did it account for granting this remedy to a seller of land who wished to rid himself of the land and get his money.

The reason for granting specific performance in these cases must be found, Justice Cheshin continued, in the rule that a contract for the sale of land gives the buyer an equitable right to the land and equity always starts from the presumption that a party to a contract intends to fulfil his obligations. Referring to American authorities in order to reinforce his point, Justice Cheshin confessed to having made too sweeping a statement in his judgment in C.A. 51/48 (upon which the District Court had relied) when, in an *obiter dictum*, he declared that the courts would insist on contracts relating to land being carried out only where damages would not give a party sufficient compensation. The principle of specific performance was absolutely clear and well-established, but nevertheless the jurists were always very careful to note that this doctrine was "generally applicable," or "almost invariably" applied. The reason for these cautious reservations is that there are isolated cases in which the courts will not order the contract to be carried out, as, for example, in a case where the seller is forced to redeem a mortgage at a price higher than the selling price of the property, or when the contract of a sale refers to an infinitesimal part of a large tract of land. In the latter case, the only value which the land would have to the potential buyer is a nuisance value, enabling the owner to force conditions on the owners of the remaining land.

Justice Sussman

Justice Sussman also agreed that the appeal should be allowed, pointing out that section 369 of the Mejelle—which he described as Israel's "common law"—states that the effect of the conclusion of a sale is ownership: In other words, our law, unlike the English common law, empowers a party to a contract to insist on specific performance and not to accept pecuniary compensation as an adequate substitute. It is true, he continued, that this rule applies only to chattels and not to land, since in the latter case the ownership passes only with registration of the land. But the tendency in the courts of Israel to order specific performance of land contracts as a matter of course—unless the circumstances are exceptional — serves not only as a means of upholding commercial morals in that it prevents repudiation of undertakings, but it also fits in well with the spirit of the Mejelle.

Appeal allowed and the respondents ordered to pay costs.

Judgment given on March 2, 1956.

Off to England By Cut Rate

HAIFA, Wednesday. — A group of 69 Israelis from Great Britain left on a cut rate visit to the "old country" in the s.s. Jerusalem this morning.

The tour has been arranged by the Israel Office of the Zionist Federation of Great Britain and Ireland and will last for nearly two months. The group included 13 children, from the age of one, and persons already grandparents. One of the travellers, Mr. H. Seal of Bat Yam, has not seen his family in England for 23 years, while another, Mrs. H. Briska, was a close runner up with a 21-year absence.

By special arrangement with Shoham, the return fares to London were reduced to IL295 for each traveller, with children under three going free of charge and older children charged up to half fares. The group is sailing in the ship's dormitories, which they found to be by no means luxurious on boarding the vessel. "We can put up with it for the sake of seeing our families and it's not so bad if you go in a crowd," Miss Sadie Lewis, the group leader, said.

From Marseilles, they will go third class to England. Each traveller was allowed the usual $10 allocation, but the Treasury gave "sympathetic consideration" to requests for a little more.

THE MERGER of Tivon, Kiryat Amal, Kiryat Haroshet and the Alroy *ma'bara*, outside Haifa, has been recommended by a Special Committee studying the problems at the request of the Ministry of Interior. A decision is to be made shortly by the Minister of Interior, Mr. Israel Bar-Yehuda.

Where to go

JERUSALEM

• **Exhibitions:—**

1) Dutch and Flemish 17th Century Paintings, 2) French 20th Century Paintings, 3) Paintings by Maurycy Gottlieb, 4) Purim Art Exhibition, Exhibit of Month: Illuminated Passover Haggadah from Provence or Spain (14th Century). Bezalel, 9-1, 3-6.

Oil Paintings, Frescoes and Drawings by Haim Nahor, "Nora Studio," Art Gallery, 9 Maimon Ave., 10-1 3-6.

1) Applied Arts — Works by Louise Schatz, Zahara Schatz, Bezalel Schatz and Jean David. 2) Drawing and sculptures by Jane Schacherl-Hillman, Artists House, 10-1, 4-6.

Permanent exhibition at the Department of Antiquities. Temporary; Finds in Caesarea, 9-11, 3-5.

"Conquest of the Desert," Jerusalem, Convention Centre. 10-1, 4-6.

• **Concert:—**

Larry Adler, Edison, 9.

• **Tours:—**

Hebrew University conducted tour. New Administration Building. Opposite Terra Sancta. 10 a.m.

TEL AVIV

Italian specialities, lunch, dinner, music, Luky's Bar, 3 Allenby Rd.

• **Exhibitions:—**

Annual Exhibition of Israel Painters and Sculptors, Museum, 10-1, 4-7.

• **Lecture:—**

Public talk by Mr. H. Robinson, Housing Advisor U.S.O.M. on "Korea"—illustrated with slides —Social and Cultural Club — Z.O.A. House, 8.45.

• **Theatre:—**

Cameri, "The Good Soul of Szechuan," Mograbi, 8. "The Hasty Heart," New Cameri Hall, 8. Dzigan and Szumacher, "Toisnt un Ein Lach, Ohel Shem.

HAIFA

• **Golden Age Club:—**

Judith Perets will lecture on: "What remains and what changes in a person's lifetime." Panorama Hotel, 4.30.

• **Theatre:—**

Cameri, "The Italian Straw Hat," Armon, 9.

RAMAT GAN

• **Theatre:—**

"200,000" — Yiddish, Rama, 8.30

NATANYA

• **Theatre:—**

Habimah, "This Earth," 9.

PETAH TIKVA

• **Theatre:—**

Ohel, "Johnny Belinda," 8.

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME
392, 249, 30.3 & 43.9 M.

News: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 7.00, 9.00 & 12.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 8 a.m., 2.15 & 5.45 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercise. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 9.00 Close Down.

12.00 N. Programme for Factory Workers (Haifa). 12.30 Housewives' Corner. 12.50 Requests (R). 1.45 Opera: Works by Verdi (R). 2.30 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Siesta. 4.30 Weekly Summary: Mishna Yomit. 4.45 "Musical Miniatures." 5.00 Child Corner. 5.15 Youth's Programme. 6.45 Bible Reading. 7.15 Farmer's Corner. 7.30 Readings. 8.00 Violin Recital by Baruch Liftmann with Moshe Lustig at the Piano. 8.30 "The Knesset and its Committees." 9.15 Concert by the Kol Yisrael Orchestra. Delius: "La Calinda" from "La Koanga" Saint-Saens: Piano Concerto No.4, op. 44. Conductor: Hanan Schlesinger. Soloist: Shelly Asher. 9.50 "Academic Diary" — Nathan Cohen. 10.20 "From the World of Music" — Ephraim Di-Zahav. 10.45 Light Music. 11.00 "Owls & Orioles" — Yitzhak Shimoni. 12.10 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
497, 460, 225, 216, 43.9 & 30.3 M.

English News: 1.45, 10.15 p.m. French News: 2.00 p.m.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR (33.3, 34.9 & 469 M.): 5.30 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. 5.45 Ladino—Hebrew Lesson. 6.00 Light Music. 6.30 French. 7.00 Yiddish 7.30 Ladino. 8.00 Turkish. 8.15 News in Easy Hebrew. 8.30 Rumanian. 8.45 Hungarian. 9.00 Close Down.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (33.3 M.): (South Africa Programme) 6.30 p.m. News. 6.40 Newsreel. 6.50 Music by Paul Ben Chaim. 7.05 Afrikaans transmission — Rebecca Axelrod.

11.15 p.m. News. 11.25 Newsreel. 11.35 Music by Paul Ben Chaim.

ARMY PROGRAMME (48.4, 216, 225 & 396 M.): 6.30 Opening 6.35 "Theme with Variations." 7.00 News. 7.10 Songs. 7.30 "For Your Information" Military News by D. Eshkol. 7.45 Classical Requests. Brahms: Symphony No. 1 in C-minor op. 68. 8.30 "The Jazz Club." 9.00 News. 9.15 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (16.79, 19.42, 16.96, 25.15 M.): 7.30-8.00 p.m. News, News Talk, Week's Feature.

Tax Commissioner Airs 'Agreements'

By E'N BAVLY
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The income tax paid by self-employed persons who do not keep books is based on an agreement reached between the Income Tax authorities and the assessed person, Dr. T. Brosh, the Income Tax Commissioner, said yesterday in Jerusalem. He added that the authorities had never made any "collective" agreements with any professional group on the taxes of individual members.

Dr. Brosh said that the arrangements with the self-employed meant efficient tax collection and were permitted by the Income Tax Law. They usually dealt with disputes over small amounts. He emphasized that the arrangements were not unethical in any way. Often, where disagreements involved disputed calculations, the case was brought to court or arbitration.

Two-thirds of the assessees pay monthly sums in advance. Those persons who claim that the assessments are too high — and this group is in the minority, Dr. Brosh said — generally make this claim in reference to their 1952 and 1953 incomes. The Tax Commissioner explained the great difficulties in collecting from self-employed who kept no books and whose incomes could only be estimated by indirect calculations.

Assessment Tables

It had often proven impossible to accept proof from these persons on their claimed low incomes, he declared. To overcome this difficulty, the Income Tax Commission had worked out tables that fixed the approximate income of typical tax payers.

The Commission was now to demand declaration of capital.

From April 1953 to November 1955 income tax collections reached IL280m., according to figures presented with the 1956/57 budget. Of this sum, IL29.1m. was revenue for assessments from before March 1952 and IL28.3m. for the 1952/53 fiscal year. Another IL38.5m. were collected during this period for an assessment preceding at least one year of the time of payment.

Of the total of IL95.9m. arrears paid during this period, over IL94m. were received from self-employed and companies. It was understood from the Income Tax Commission that this delay in payments brought in a net savings in the payments as a result of the continuous devaluation of the money. This resulted in a net loss to the Government.

Appeals Committee

The Public Committees appointed by the Minister of Finance to study appeals against income tax have been highly successful, Dr. Brosh reported. Their decisions in "99.9 per cent of the cases" were carried out by the Commission. The Committees review thousands of files every month. When demands to pay arrears are made, the Commission grants suitable periods of grace. At no time do taxpayers have to pay more than two years' assessments in one year.

Mr. Brosh went on to say that certain changes were sorely needed in the Income Tax Law. In the medium-high income brackets, for instance, 65-70 per cent of every additional pound was paid in taxes. "This is a detriment to harder work," Dr. Brosh declared. He stated that depreciation provisions would need revising, as taxes were now being collected without full allowance for property depreciation.

Cinemas

JERUSALEM

At 3.30, 6.30, and 8.30 p.m.

ARNON: To Hell and Back, 2nd week.
EDEN: Blackboard Jungle, 2nd week.
EDISON: A Star is Born, 2nd week.
ORNA: Good Morning, Miss Dove.
ORION: "Sinfonia d'Amore"
ORGIL: The Dream of Every Woman.
RON: Gilda.
STUDIO: Blue Beard.
TEL OR: The French Line.
ZION HALL: "Pane, Amore e Gelosia."

TEL AVIV:

At 3.30, 7.15 and 9.15 p.m.

ALLENBY: The Racers.
CHEN: The Country Girl, 3rd week.
ESTHER: Love Me or Leave Me, 2nd week.
MOGRABI: Battle Cry, 2nd week.
OPHIR: "Papa, Maman, la Bonne et Moi."
ORION: Helen of Troy, 7th week.
SDEROTH: The Egyptian.
TAMAR: Not as a Stranger.
TCHELETH: "Les Amants du Tage," 17th week. At 3.15: Jungle Jim.
YARON: "Les Femmes s'en Balancent."
ZAMIR: "La Vie d'un Honnete Homme," 2nd week.

HAIFA

GAL OR: Pirates of Tripoli. Matinees: Captain Pirate.
ORAH: Beat the Devil.
AMPHITHEATRE: The Rains of Ranchipur.
ORLY: O.K. Nerone.
ARMON: The Dam Busters.
EN DOR: Hondo
MORIAH: Hobson's Choice, 2nd week.
ORION: The Sea Chase.
ATZMON: "Caroselo Napoletano," 2nd week.
PEER: Green Scarf.
MAY: Knave of Hearts.

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Mystere IV, French-made jet fighter said to be one of world's best and fastest, will be added to the Israel Air Force shortly, when the shipment from France is received.

Strike Clashes In Finland Continue

HELSINKI, Wednesday (UP). — Communist-led strikers clashed with police for the second straight day yesterday while union leaders asked their Swedish counterparts for support in maintaining a nation-wide general strike that is crippling Finland.

Over 1,000 striking workers clashed with club-swinging police at a downtown gas station. At least two policemen and several strikers were injured before the police managed to break the demonstrators into small groups and disperse them. The strikers were trying to stop distribution of gasoline from the filling station, one of the few remaining open in this strike-bound city.

U.S. Bans Cinerama Owner from Entry

NEW YORK, Wednesday (Reuter). — "The New York Times" reported today that the Government was in the "somewhat embarrassing situation" of having excluded from its borders a Greek who controls the rights to a proposed Government film project. The barred man, Nicolas Reisino, holds the rights for use outside the U.S. of Cinerama, the three-dimensional film process.

The Government had planned to send a converted aircraft carrier to about 104 ports in the Middle East and Far East and give free showings of Cinerama, the paper said.

Mr. Reisino left the country last August so that he could re-enter immediately with a valid visa for permanent residence. He was stopped by the immigration and naturalization service.

New Finds At Rehavia Tomb

The base and capital of a stone pillar were uncovered yesterday at the entrance to the first room of the 2,000-year-old burial cave discovered last month in the Rehavia quarter of Jerusalem.

Mr. M. Dotan, of the Government Antiquities Department, who was on the spot when the discovery was made, thought it was possible that a second column would be found alongside the first — giving the first chamber, with its charcoal drawings and inscriptions — an imposing entrance.

Fifteen workmen this week began working outdoors excavating an estimated 20-metre-long corridor to the cave. Ten metres have already been cleared away. Several circular pieces of stone were also found yesterday embedded in the earth near the column base. They are thought to be sections of the pillar, which was built in layers.

ASHKELON APPOINTMENTS

The Minister of Interior, Mr. Israel Bar-Yehuda, is to appoint several new members to the Ashkelon Council next week to fill the vacancies caused by the death of Mayor Henry Sonnabend and several resignations, the Ministry spokesman announced yesterday.

The appointments are being made after consultations with public bodies in Ashkelon and upon the recommendation of the District Commissioner.

TRAVEL SEMINAR

Representatives of tourists' and travel agencies and of institutions, took part in a half-day seminar conducted by the U.J.A. and the State of Israel Bond Organization at the Sharon Hotel on Tuesday afternoon.

The subjects covered in the seminar were discussed by representatives of the Ministry of Finance, the U.J.A., the Bond Drive and Malben.

Czech Leaders Join Attacking Stalin

PRAGUE, Wednesday.—Czech Communist leaders reporting on last month's Soviet Communist Party Congress accused Stalin of committing a "series of faults," it was revealed here.

A summary of their reports, published by the Czech news agency, CETEKA, said that the Congress has revealed "shortcomings" in Stalin's work "as, for example, in the principle of collective leadership." But the summary warned against the "cries of enemies" and said "it is characteristic that the bourgeoisie, which in the past maligned Stalin so much, is showing now a hypocritical concern for his memory."

The Czech leaders told local Party meetings that the Czech Communist Party had taken steps, prior to the Soviet Congress, to strengthen collective leadership, and had condemned the cult of personality, the summary said.

Soviet Yiddish Writers Wrongly Executed

NEW YORK, Wednesday (INA).—Soviet Jewish writers who were arrested in 1948 by the secret police in an anti-Semitic drive, were detained and executed through a "miscarriage of justice," according to the admission of Soviet authorities.

This was revealed by Mr. Leon Crystal, correspondent of the Yiddish daily "Forward," who cabled from Paris that he learned of this in Moscow. He said that several of the writers were executed in August, 1952, but that several others had been released from prison since Stalin's death.

Mr. Crystal stated that the Soviet authorities had told the writers' next of kin that they had been wrongly accused. He reported that Peretz Markesch, essayist and playwright, and David Hofshtein had been executed. Among those said to have been killed were David Bergelson, Itzik Pfeffer, one of the most talented of Yiddish poets, and Leib Kvitko. The men, arrested in 1948, constituted the flower of Yiddish literary culture in the Soviet Union.

The fate of Bergelson, in particular, was shrouded in mystery. One of the German prisoners who were recently repatriated from Russia reported that he had seen him in the Far North where because of his advanced age he was excused from forced labour and worked in an office. The fact of his death was first established when his son applied for permission to erect a memorial stone over his grave.

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OFFICIAL PRICES FOR MATZOT

The official price for a 2.5-kilogram package of Passover *matzot* is IL1. One-half kilogram of flour will sell for 210 pruta.

MANDATE BEARER BOND WINNERS

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Number 045090 won IL1,000 in the draw of the first issue of number 46 Mandate Bearer Bonds today. Number 028212 won IL500 and 61965 and 056828 won IL250 each.

IL100 was won by 75682; 3280; 90752; 94659; 97782; 13979; 54661; 98700; 82839; 40684.

Numbers 20051; 16796; 47982; 71410; 11162; 34491; 76121; 10784; 21619; 48368; 3268; 51365; 33046; 25153; 10401; 66158; 80783; 98378; 10727, and 54727 won IL50 each. 125 numbers won IL20 each.

"PARIS IN TEL AVIV"
New Floor Show at the
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72 Rehov Hayarkon,
Tel Aviv.

Sport 'Round the World

By Reuter Correspondents

PARIS.—Nineteen countries have entered for the world's volleyball championships, which will be held here from August 30 to September 12. Teams for the men's championships have been entered by Brazil, Bulgaria, Denmark, Holland, Poland, Communist China, Rumania, Turkey, and the U.S. Women's teams have been entered by Brazil, Bulgaria, West Germany, Holland, Poland, Peoples China, Rumania, Russia and the U.S. Jean Lenoir, General-Secretary of the French Volleyball Federation, said he expected to receive another 20 entries before the lists closed.

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LONDON.—Sixteen countries have entered for the Youth International football tournament to be played in Hungary from March 26 to April 2. The countries have been drawn in the following pools: POOL ONE: Hungary, West Germany, England, Bulgaria. POOL TWO: Rumania, Yugoslavia, Austria, Poland. POOL THREE: Italy, Belgium, France, the Saar. POOL FOUR: Greece, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Turkey.

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STOCKHOLM.—A team of Polish boxers beat a Swedish team by six bouts to four here.

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LONDON.—Frank Stewards, 46-year-old Midland counties building contractor, retained the English Amateur Billiard Championship after a most exciting three day final against Leslie Driffield, former world champion. Driffield, 45, three times holder of the title, was once 480 behind on the first day but pulled up to lead by 34 at the close. After two days he was 403 ahead, having had a break of 317—the best in this year's championship. Midway through the final day's play, Edwards had pulled up to within 145, and with two century breaks took the lead. But Driffield came back, and three times the lead changed hands, before Edwards ran out the winner.

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LONDON.—Arsenal beat Preston North End, 3-2 in a floodlit football League Division I match at Highbury, the Arsenal ground on Tuesday evening.

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JOHANNESBURG.—Mr. Fred Fell, President of the South African Football Association, will represent S. Africa at the meeting of the F.I.F.A. in Lisbon on June 9-10. The International Federation will hear a report from a four-man delegation which recently toured S. Africa on the question of whether S. Africa shall be represented on the world body by Europeans (S.A.F.A.) or the non-European football federation. The non-European Federation are believed to be sending three observers to Lisbon.

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PARIS.—Real Madrid (Spain) have been drawn against Milan (Italy) and Hibernian (Scotland) against Rheims (France), in the semifinals of the European Soccer Cup.

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LONDON. — England scored an exciting 5-4 win over Hungary in a table tennis international at Tottenham, North London. Aubrey Simons beat the Hungarian holder of the English "open" championship, Elmer Gyetvai 21-17, 21-19, by a close to the table chop and brilliant counter hitting. Then he and Miss Ann Haydon snatched victory in the last match by surprisingly defeating the former world champion Ferenc Sido and Miss Gizi Farkas, 21-18, 21-12.

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MELBOURNE. — The gymnastics events in the Olympic Games will now be held in the new, West Melbourne boxing stadium, instead in another Melbourne stadium—the Glaciarium—the Organizing Committee announced. Main reason for the change is the greater floor space of the boxing stadium, now being built. The new stadium will hold more than 4,400 spectators — roughly twice as many as could have witnessed the competitions in the Glaciarium.

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STOCKHOLM.—Colin Hickey, Australia, won the 500 and the 1,000 metres in an international skating event at Borlange, Northern Sweden.

Dogs Needed For Guard Duties

The response to the police appeal for the donation of dogs for guard duty in border settlements has been very generous and heartening, and enthusiastic reports have been coming in from the settlements using them, the police report. However, the number is still far from sufficient, and the police again appeal for additional dogs. They can be of either sex or breed (including mongrels) with the exception of toydogs (pekinese, spaniels, small terriers, etc.). Their age can be between six months and four years, they should be strongly built and not under 50 centimetres in height.

Dog-owners willing to donate their pets should write to the Director of the Animal Department, Police Headquarters, 14 Rehov Harakevet, Tel Aviv, indicating the dog's name, breed, age, state of health, and whether it is vicious, quiet or barks a great deal. The dog-owner should add his exact address and when it would be convenient to come and see the animal.

LANDY TIPPED FOR NEW MILE RECORD

MELBOURNE, Wednesday. (Reuter). — John Landy is tipped by Australian experts to beat his own world record for the mile in the Australian Athletic championships on March 10, if the weather is favourable. They believe he is capable of going 3 minutes 55 seconds — three seconds faster than his world record mark.

Critics also forecast that Amery Lincoln will become the second Australian to break four minutes for the mile. In his last race over the distance, against Landy, Lincoln clocked four minutes, 0.8/5 seconds.

DEFENCE FUND ENDING IN HAIFA

HAIFA, Wednesday. — The Haifa Public Committee for the Defence Fund is now bringing the town's campaign to a close. A final effort to ensure that everyone donates will be made until Pessah. Committee members told the press today that donations in Haifa have already totalled IL3m., of which IL1m. was contributed by the workers.

The Committee expected Haifa's donations to reach the IL5m. mark. Some 4,500 small traders, houseowners and members of the free professions have not yet donated, and a number of workers are also expected to complete their contributions.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

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TEL AVIV: Avramski, 42 Allenby, 3526. Nordau, 183 Ben Yehuda, 23573. Franklin, 26 King George, 23721. Reitblatt, 19 Nahlat Benyamin. **JAFFA:** 10 Rehov 4, 82700. **RAMAT GAN:** Lifshitz, 19 Herzl, 71771. **RAMAT YITZHAK:** 23 Jerusalem, 72046. **PETAH TIKVA:** Havarkon, 24 Stampfer. **B'NEI BRAK:** Hirshbein, 62 Rabbi Akiba. **RISHON LEZION:** Amami. **HOLON:** Briut, 109 Sokolov. **REHOVOT:** Lewin, 196 Herzl, 345.

HAIFA: Schmidt, 45 Herzl, 4063. Mazor, 17 Garden, German Colony. **KIRYAT BIALIK:** Zevulon. **NAHARIYA:** Merkaz. **SAFAD:** Ha'ari.

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JERUSALEM: Dr. Romanoff, 11 Arlosoroff, 61217. Dr. Shore, 45 Rashi.

TEL AVIV: Dr. Shoham, 1 Syrkin, 25842. Dr. Shore, 54 Sokolov, 26383. **JAFFA:** 4 Rehov 65. **HAIFA:** Dr. Eparon, 67 Herzl, 3577. Dr. Sherman, 3 Hanevi'im, 2424. Dr. Ludwig, 24 Shivat Zion, 67417.

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TO INDEPENDENT TAX-PAYERS AND COMPANIES

The fourth quarterly Income Tax payment falls due on March 10, 1956. The attention of taxpayers is drawn to the order published in "Kovetz Hatakanot" 582, on February 16, 1956, according to which a company must pay 37½ per cent of the amount assessed for the assessment year or for the last six years.

An independent taxpayer should pay 25% of the amount assessed for the last assessment year. In the event that the last assessment year is 1953/54 or earlier, the rate due is 37½% of the amount assessed.

To prevent queuing at the Tax Offices on the eve of Passover, we request all taxpayers to make their payments earlier.

Tel Aviv Stock Market

MARCH 7, 1956

Pop. Loans 1949/69 (IL10)	96½
3½% Tavel Dollar x)y)	69½
4% Comp. Loan 56/67	65½
3½% War Loan 54/59	86½
3½% Gov. Bds. (large)	90½
4% Reg. Sterling "A"	82½
4% Reg. Sterling "B"	86½
Pal. Bearer Bds. Ser. 3	82½
Bk. Leumi ord.sh.	190
A.P.B. Investm. ord. sh. "B"	111½
Gazit ord. sh. "B"	101½
Ellern's Inv. ord.	156½
P.E.C.Inv.ord."B" b.d	96½
Gen. Mortg. Bk.ord.sh.	75½
Bizur 4% debs.56/65	85½
Nir 4% Debs.(bearer)	93½
5% pref. sh.	87
Pasa 4% debs.40/64 reg.	79½
"Inva" 5% debs.	85
I.L.D.C. ord.sh.reg.	105½
5% debs.	82½
Afr. Pal. Inv.ord.sh.	76½
Rassco 6% pref.ord.sh.d)	89½
Pal. Potash 6%pref.sh.	297½
"A" ord. shares	95
Pal.Elec.pref.sh.(Ldn)	279½
6½%P.E.C.Debs.57/64	100½* 102½**
Mekorot pref sh.	75½
Ata ord. "B" sh.	114
6-8%con.debs.	98
"Kurdaneh"ord."B"	116½
7%con.debs.56/68	92
Moller-Dee ord.sh.reg.x	840
Pal.-Brewery 8%con.sh.	82
Assis Bejerano"B"sh.	194
"Teva" ord. sh. d)	106
Nesher 6% debs. "A"	105½
Pal. Cold St. 7% debs.	142
ord.sh.reg.(full div.)	318
Pal. Centr. Tr. 8% debs.	95

Notes: a) purchasing price; b) selling price; c) ex-coupons; d) ex dividend; e) ex right; x) in % of IL1.800; y) 15.6./15.12; * Dollar ** Index.

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HERZLIYA: Tiferet, Sunday, March 11, at 8.30 p.m.
TIBERIAS: "Aviv" Cinema, Monday, March 12, 8.30 p.m.
KIRYAT HAIM: Beit Ha'am, Tuesday, March 13, 8.30 p.m.
NATANYA: "Sharon," Wednesday, March 14, 8.30 p.m.
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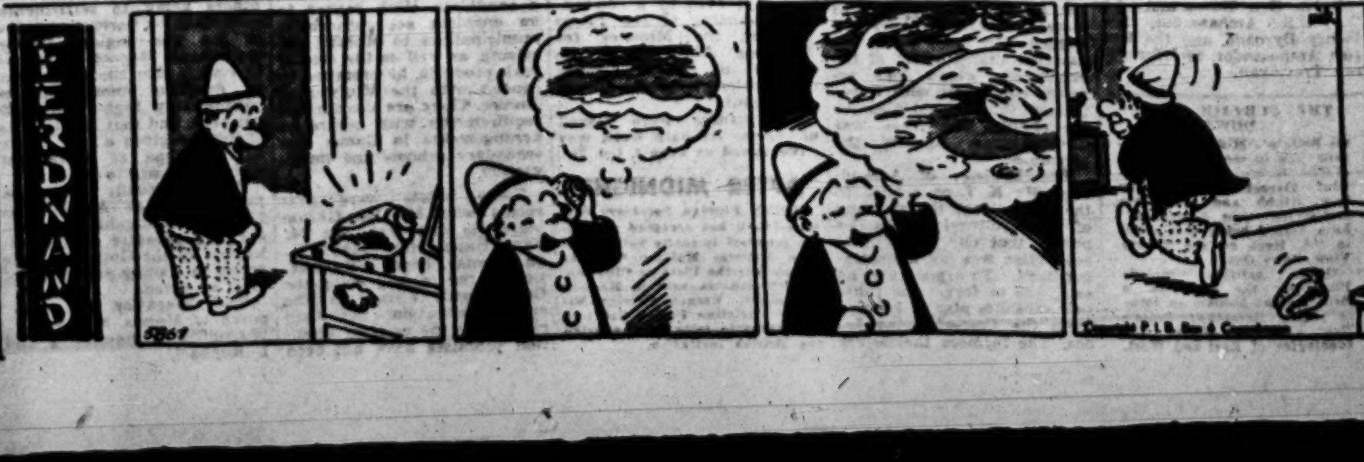

Today's Postbag

THE WEATHER

FORECAST: Partly cloudy becoming occasionally cloudy with showers.

	A	B	C	D
Mt. Cana'an	—	10	14	12
Tiberias	56	15	26	20
Haifa Port	62	13	19	17
Natanya	68	12	19	17
Tel Aviv Kirya	63	13	19	17
Tel Aviv Port	71	13	18	17
Lydda Airport	60	10	21	18
Jerusalem	62	10	16	14
Beersheba	50	—	19	17
Eilat	51	18	26	24

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MAJOR S. WEISER, Tel Aviv, a prominent member of the Herut movement, has recently severed his connections with the Party.

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THE TRANSFER of El Al's aircraft repair service to the Bedek maintenance company, decided on last week, will not lead to the unemployment of El Al mechanics, the Ministry of Transport announced yesterday. Bedek will deal only with major repair jobs and overhauls, while El Al personnel will take care of routine servicing.

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DOCUMENTS WERE stolen from the Mapai club at Rehov Hanevi'im, corner Rehov Harav Kook, in Jerusalem on Tuesday night. A fortnight ago thieves stole IL10.

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THE RAMAT GAN Orchestra's concert will be held in the Ohel Theatre in Tel Aviv tonight and not in Beit Zvi in Ramat Gan.

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EMBROIDERED BLOUSES, lamp shades, dolls, rugs and slippers are among the items on display and for sale at the exhibition of work done by crippled Malben wards, which has opened at Z.O.A. House, Tel Aviv. The exhibition is open today, between 3 and 9 p.m.

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THE FORTNIGHTLY supply and relief convoy to Mount Scopus went up yesterday without incident.

Tsur Feted By Alsatian Cities

Jerusalem Post Reporter

PARIS, (By Airmail). — Mr. Jacob Tsur, Israel Ambassador in Paris, was feted both by the regional authorities and by the local Jewish communities when he visited the Alsatian cities of Mulhouse and Colmar last week-end. The Israel flag hung side by side with the French Tricolor from the town halls where official receptions were held for the Ambassador. In Mulhouse, with 2,000 Jews, and Colmar with 900 Jews, the synagogues were filled to overflowing, as on a Yom Kippur, for the services attended by Mr. Tsur.

One result of the Ambassador's visit may be that two young Israelis will be enrolled as students in the famous Alsatian school of textile engineering, and — since one good turn deserves another — these Israelis will organize much needed Hebrew classes for the Jewish youth of Mulhouse and Colmar.

AVALANCHES IN EUROPE KILL 36

SVOLVAER, Norway, Wednesday (UP). — Thawing weather in Norway sent death-dealing avalanches down mountainsides today, and 28 persons were killed in three snow slides that struck within hours of each other. It brought to 36 the number of persons killed in avalanches in Europe in the past 24 hours.

One of them swept a steel and concrete power station into the sea. Army engineers began stringing emergency power lines. The sudden thaw melted mountaintops that had been frozen in the worst cold wave in modern European history.

Three avalanche deaths were recorded in Germany and five in Switzerland.

Bomb Hoax At Israel Consulate

NEW YORK, Wednesday (Reuter). — Police and Federal agents searched the Israel Consulate in vain for two hours today after an anonymous telephone warning that a bomb had been planted there. It was the second such hoax within 24 hours.

Yesterday, an anonymous telephone call sent police racing to the Egyptian Consulate-General about half-a-mile from the Israel Consulate.

As today, they found no trace of a bomb.

PAN ISRAEL SPUDS IN TODAY

The Pan Israel Oil Company will begin drilling near Haifa tomorrow morning, an official of the company told *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

It is expected that Mr. Mordechai Bentov, Minister of Development, will be present at the spudding-in ceremony.

The rig to be used is now in place and is capable of boring to a depth of 10,000 feet.

Anthony Forrest Is Sought

An attempt to locate Mr. Anthony Forrest, a former employee of the Tri-Continental Drilling Company, by publishing an advertisement in "The New York Times" was approved yesterday by the Registrar of the Jerusalem District Court.

Mr. Forrest and the company are being sued for IL100,000 by the heirs of Yosef Simhon, who was killed falling from a drilling rig near Kurnub, in the Negev, in August.

Mr. Forrest left the country shortly after the accident. *(Itim)*

Higher Rates, Reduced Staff In Tel Aviv IL43m. Draft Budget

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Higher municipal rates and reduced administrative expenses are the main features of the IL43.75m. draft budget presented by the Mayor to the Municipal Council today. This sum includes a IL11.75m. development budget of which IL3m. comes from the regular municipal budget.

General rates will go up by 15 per cent and property tax by one per cent while business tax will be graded up to IL2,000 instead of IL1,000. So far, the municipal staff will be cut by 100.

Although the overall administration expenses will decrease, services will be expanded and improved out of the development funds. More streets will be cleaned daily, while refuse will be collected more efficiently by new vans. From the same source the sewerage and water supply system will be augmented and improved.

The past three fiscal years ended without any deficit, Mr. Levanon said. This fiscal year, non-productive labour will be temporarily eliminated and a special department will be set up to supervise economies in the town's administration, which according to the draft budget will save IL25,000.

A total of IL500,000 has been earmarked as a reserve fund to cover possible rises in costs, and another IL500,000 in the event of a deficit.

Mr. Levanon urged more lighting and parks, and the early construction of the cultural club building for municipal workers. The budget does not include the emergency expenditure.

Mr. E. Shechter, Mapai, leader of the Opposition, opened the debate with a scathing attack on the municipal management, accusing it of "manipulation" of funds and "deliberately presenting an unclear and incomplete draft so as to cloud the issues."

The Municipality, in unfairly distributing the rates, was pampering the wealthy at the expense of the poor, he charged.

With regard to the surplus workers whom the Municipality is proposing to dismiss, Mr. Shechter wished to know in which departments there were too many clerks. During the past year, 300 additional workers had been newly employed, he said, and most of these had been declared by heads of departments as unsuited to their jobs.

He added that while Haifa spent only IL1.25m. on cleanliness and Tel Aviv IL3.9m., Haifa was far cleaner.

The debate will be continued next Sunday.

MORE CURRENCY

The amount of currency in circulation rose during the past week by IL7,429,617, the Bank of Israel announced yesterday.

Foreign currency rose by IL449,617, and Treasury Notes by IL6,980,000.

Budget Study Ending Before Knesset Recess

Jerusalem Post Reporter

It is now almost certain that the Knesset Finance Committee will end its discussions on the 1956/57 budget in time to approve the estimates before the Passover recess begins on March 22 it was learned from Knesset sources.

The Committee has been meeting daily from Sunday to Friday, has completed its consideration of the revenue items and is now dealing with expenditure.

The Finance Committee began studying the budget immediately after it was first presented to the Knesset.

The estimates that will be presented to the Knesset for second and third reading will contain minor transfers of projected revenue and expenditure. Among these changes, lower estimates of excise taxes on cement are expected, as it is felt that most of the cement produced in the coming year will be directed towards essential housing and the building of air-raid shelters.

Joining of Tel Aviv, Jaffa Ports Urged

The Tel Aviv and Jaffa ports should be amalgamated and their capacity expanded to handle 35 per cent of all goods imported by the Government, according to the report of the special committee appointed by the Minister of Transport to investigate the ports' problems. The committee's recommendations were released yesterday to the press.

Other recommendations include increasing efficiency in the ports and acquiring new cargo-handling equipment. It was also suggested that the ports be given a larger share of citrus exports.

The committee, headed by the Deputy Director-General of the Ministry, Mr. E. Kling, found that although 20 per cent of all incoming and outgoing freight now goes through the two ports, their capacity could be greatly increased. Despite the fact that loading and unloading charges were much higher than in Haifa, as there is no deep water dock space, the centrally located position of the harbour saves haulage costs that often compensate for the higher port fees.

EL AL FLIGHT TO AMSTERDAM

LYDDA AIRPORT, Wednesday. — The Mayor of Amsterdam, the Israel Minister to Holland, the Chief Rabbi of Amsterdam, representatives of the Dutch Government, and leaders of the local Jewry welcomed the maiden landing of the El Al plane that opened the Lydda-Amsterdam line on Monday.

Yesterday, El Al held a public reception for Amsterdam Jewry, Mr. M. Tur, El Al representative in Holland, said here, on the Constellation's return flight which arrived at midnight last night.

The plane brought with it eight leading Dutch travel agents, Mr. Ven Herpern, a radio commentator, and Dr. Melkman, editor of the "Nieuwe Israelitische Weekblat," the Jewish paper. They are the guests of the Government Tourist Corporation and El Al. They will tour the country for five days.

The travel agents were the guests of honour at a cocktail party given in the afternoon by the Government Tourist Corporation at the Eden Hotel in Jerusalem.

Clean-Up Drive For Jerusalem

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A week-long campaign to "clean up Jerusalem" is to be initiated next week by Hovevei Yerushalayim, a civic organization, in cooperation with the Municipality, Mrs. Eva Michaelis, Chairman, and two of its members, Messrs. Zvi Shwarz and Franz Epstein, announced yesterday.

The campaign, while based mainly on explanations and appeals to beautify the city, would also have "teeth." Refusal by any resident to remove filth and litter from his courtyard or empty lot would automatically be referred to Municipal inspectors who would charge the offender in Court under the city's by-laws.

Out Of Date

Many of the laws, however, were out of date and efforts were being made to amend them.

It was stressed, and re-stressed, that the greatest difficulty facing the civic group was "waking up the residents to the filth and dirt in their immediate vicinity."

Jerusalemites in certain quarters had become accustomed to keeping their apartments spotless and their courtyards and yards a conglomeration of "junk and stones."

These persons "actually did not see these sanitary defects, for their minds created automatic mental blocks."

To arouse residents from this apathy, 20,000 letters were being distributed and a house-to-house campaign would be instituted.

Children Mobilised

The tempo of the work would gradually pick up during the week and by Tuesday would reach its peak. Groups of schoolchildren, numbering 50-75, were to be mobilised to help.

It was noted that the "Hovevei Yerushalayim" idea was catching on in Jerusalem. Last year, 150 residents asked the group to intervene with the Municipality on their behalf.

This year, more than 100 appeals had been received within the first two months.

The city moved quickly to correct and defect. Of last year's complaints, more than 80 per cent had already been eliminated. Most of them referred to overflowing cesspits, defective and leaking sewers, garbage removal and cluttered lots.

The group was also working out a plan to "beautify and face-lift" the city, to preserve its natural beauty and to encourage tourism.

KNESSET BUDGET DEBATE

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absolutely essential, she said, and permits were reviewed periodically. A close check, of course, meant that the inspectors themselves had to work and travel on the Sabbath.

Among the final speakers in the debate on the economic Ministries was Mr. Y. Yeshayahu (Mapai). He said that those who agree to higher wage scales for academic workers are in duty bound to aid in creating full educational opportunities for all sections of the community. The gap between Western and Eastern Jews is not in culture or Jewish roots but in professional and academic development, he asserted.

Shostak's Attack

The reduced budget for Government work projects was attacked by Mr. E. Shostak (Herut), who said that the Government even now was not providing enough work for the unemployed.

Building, which had always been a source of employment in this country, was not being supplied with credit, the speaker charged. Thousands of building workers were being dismissed and there was insufficient provision in the proposed budget for their employment. He also called for an unemployment insurance law.

Israel could no longer wait to renew work on the Jordan Valley project, Mr. M. Chazani (Hapoel Hamizrahi) said. The danger point had been reached in the exploitation of present water resources and further development of the country demanded additional water.

He called on the Government to speed up presentation to the Knesset of the draft National Water Law, to clear up present confusion between the different water authorities. Mekorot should be placed under Government ownership, he said.

No Connection

Mr. Y. Almogi (Mapai) said that some plants want to fire workers in the name of efficiency, although there was no automatic connection between the two. He stated that the Histadrut did not object blindly to every request that it approve the firing of workers if there was nothing for them to do.

"Even when we are compelled to agree to dismissals," Mr. Almogi continued, "we will object to arbitrary dismissals not in accordance with the 'first in, last out' principle." Giving up this rule would abandon workers to the moods and caprices of plant directors.

Mr. Almogi, who is Secretary of the Haifa Labour Council, was apparently replying to Mr. Ami Assaf (Mapai) who earlier in the debate proposed that inefficient workers be fired before efficient ones, regardless of seniority.

Begin, Arditi Refuse To Retract Remarks

The Knesset House Committee yesterday discussed the insults exchanged on Tuesday during the heated discussion of the Herut motion of non-confidence.

Mr. M. Begin and Mr. B. Arditi, of Herut, yesterday refused to withdraw their remarks unless Prime Minister Ben-Gurion retracted his charge that Mr. Begin had not fought in the last war (War of Independence) and would not fight in the next one.

The Committee decided to summon Messrs. Begin and Arditi to attend a meeting of the Committee this morning. A Herut motion that Mr. Ben-Gurion, Finance Minister Levi Eshkol, and Labour Minister Golda Myerson also be summoned failed.

Tomorrow 'D-Day' at Heletz III

By YITSHAK YA'AKOBY, Jerusalem Post Reporter

HELETZ, Wednesday. — Oil is expected to come shooting out of the ground at the Heletz III drilling here as it did from Heletz I, according to what the experts are saying tonight. Friday morning has been set as "D Day," but the stream of visitors has already begun. Hundreds have visited the site during the past 24 hours, being patiently dealt with by the oil workers and technicians on the spot, who seem never to tire of explaining how the whole thing works.

The oil-bearing sand which was reached yesterday has been minutely examined and submitted to all the tests, and has shown an oil content which, however, was not a commercial proposition. Dr. H. J. Tschopp, the Swiss geologist, is supervising the operation personally and checking every sample that comes up to the surface as the drill bites steadily deeper into the earth.

Another ten metres have been drilled since the oil-bearing sand was reached yesterday evening, and it is expected that another few metres will "do the trick," oil technicians told *The Jerusalem Post* tonight. Drilling will continue at snail's pace during tonight and tomorrow. If success is achieved on Friday, it will be a relief for the hard-working crew, on tenterhooks for the past ten days.

Mr. Moshe Mandelevitch, a 33-year-old "pole pusher" who came from Transylvania in 1947, said that he has been stealing into his house in Tel Aviv whenever he has had leave during the past two weeks, because he has got tired of replying to his neighbours' repeated question, "what's going on at Heletz?" Now, he says, he won't have to avoid them.

With the exception of one U.S. technician, Mr. Carpenter, the members of the Heletz III team are all Israelis, including several young geologists. One of them, Mr. Rafanie Cohen, 26, of Jerusalem, showed me the various tests to which the first oil-bearing sand of the well had been subjected. He said that the oil would not need to be pumped out of the ground, but would be pushed up by the force of the gases as had been the case in the original strike.

The Johnston test will be applied on Friday morning, when the "substantial layer of oil" is expected to be reached.

Drilling has ceased at Heletz II because of a technical fault in the engine, while at Negba I, a depth of 3,170 feet has been reached.

Among the visitors to the site at Heletz III have been the State Controller, Dr. S. Moses, the Director of the Oil Department of the Ministry of Development, Mr. I. P. Kozlov; the Director of Lapidot, Mr. I. Barnea and the Director of Mifalei Hamayim, Mr. Ya'akov Novak, one of the country's oil pioneers. Mr. Novak said that he was "delighted" at the way things have turned out.

Drilling began at Heletz III on December 2.

IL36m. Deficit In January Trade

Israel's trade balance during January showed a deficit of IL36.1m., approximately IL6m. more than in January 1955, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday in its monthly bulletin.

Total imports in January were IL59.6m., while exports were IL23.5m. The chief source of the increase was in finished goods, whose imports rose by IL10m. to IL31.5m.

Imports of raw materials were unchanged, while foodstuffs imports rose by IL2.5m. to IL13.6m.

Though the exports of finished goods remained unchanged in comparison with 1955, citrus and foodstuffs exports rose by IL4.9 to IL14.2.

It was learned yesterday from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry that the continued stagnation of industrial exports has given cause for grave concern, and there is every indication that they did not pick up in February.

A number of changes in the administrative structure of the Import and Export Departments of the Ministry have been made of late in an effort to encourage exports.

Sheep Flock Dies Of Rat Poison

BEERSHEBA, Wednesday. — More than half of the flock of 250 sheep of Kibbutz Gvulot have died of rat poison as a result of carelessness.

The remainder are sick and may have to be destroyed. Most of the sheep that have died are in lamb.

It is believed that the sheep took the poison while grazing on a field that had been sprayed with "celium" rat poison and that the shepherd was not warned not to take the flock there.

The Sheep Breeders Association has provided the settlement with 50 lambs, but it has refused a loan from the Development Authority for the purchase of a new flock.

Israel, Bulgaria Trade Talks

The Minister of Development, Mr. Mordechai Bentov, received yesterday the Bulgarian Minister, M. Gheourgui Zenguilekov, for an economic discussion on strengthening commercial ties between the two countries.

Parents of High School Pupils Plead for Financial Aid

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The Parents Committee of 55 non-municipal secondary schools have appealed to the Government to grant them IL847,000 to pay for the rise in teachers' wages, and IL500,000 for a "reduction fund," representatives of Parents' Committees from all parts of the country told the Press here this morning.

They requested the IL847,000 as the parents could not possibly pay more than the IL300 a year they were already paying per secondary school pupil till September, 1955.

The salary rises would require them to pay IL375 per pupil, and this sum might still be increased, they said.

Nearly 11,300 pupils in all parts of the country studied at non-municipal secondary schools, they pointed out, and they asked the Government to allocate IL500,000 for assistance to gifted pupils who could not afford the fee.

The parents thought that the Government could afford the allocation, "if only Knesset Members would realise the importance of secondary school education." They suggested that it might come from Development Budget funds.

Mr. H. Sharig, of Tel Aviv, sharply criticised the Municipality for not helping the non-municipal secondary schools, though it was using all the citizens taxes to help the municipal secondary schools to the extent of "between IL300 and IL450" per pupil.

Dr. A. Nitzan, of Jerusalem, said that the number of secondary school pupils in this country was decreasing and the Arab states were fast catching up on us, with the Lebanon already having the same percentage of secondary school pupils as we have.

Plans to Eliminate Crowded Classes

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Ministry of Education officials are now considering long-range programmes to alleviate the serious overcrowding of Israel's classrooms.

The main emphasis in these programmes is increasing the number of students who enter the teaching field.

At a gathering in Jerusalem this week of principals of teachers' seminars, the following suggestions were made:

- granting financial assistance to students in teachers' seminars;
- increasing the number of students who begin teacher training in the last two years of secondary school;
- training teachers to teach all elementary school subjects, especially in rural areas; and
- clarifying the structure of the teachers' seminar, i.e. the question of whether training should begin in the first year of secondary school, in the third year, or after graduation.

Industry Promised State Aid

TEL AVIV, Wednesday.—The Government will help industrialists who are willing to establish plants in development areas by putting at their disposal up to 65 per cent of their total investment capital, Mr. A. Markowicz, head of the Chemical Department of the Ministry of Commerce, said today.

He was speaking at the annual conference of the Chemical Section of the Manufacturers Association yesterday.

COMMONS

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that we shall find ourselves subsidising the maintenance of a force which may well go into action against Israel in circumstances in which we have to go to the defence and assistance of Israel.

General Glubb's dismissal made it probable that Jordan would enter the "anti-Baghdad camp," he warned, and pressed for the full story of Britain's effort to bring Jordan into the Baghdad pact.

The Labour leader stated that the Labour party did not believe Britain should try to maintain her position in the Middle East by force, and recommended strongly that no attempt be made by military force to impose a policy on Jordan.

There should be immediate talks with Jordan on the future of the Anglo-Jordanian agreement. Subsidies now used for the Arab Legion could be made available for economic development and the settlement of Arab refugees.

Mr. Gaitskell suggested that Britain should have an alliance with Israel similar to that with Jordan. "We do not see anything inconsistent in an alliance with Israel and the Tripartite Declaration," he said. "It is something to which the Government should give serious consideration in the light of recent events."

This point was also made by Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, a former Labour Defence Minister.

Nearly IL500,000 For Stipends

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Ministry of Education has allocated IL494,000 for scholarships to high school students during the present school year, the Ministry spokesman announced yesterday.

Nearly IL300,000 of this sum has been allotted to the joint fund maintained by the Ministry and the Jewish Agency for scholarships to new immigrants and children of the Sephardic community. The remainder will provide scholarships to 3,050 talented students who are financially unable to continue their studies. These students will also benefit from a 25 per cent reduction in their tuition fee on the basis of an agreement between the Ministry and the schools.

Last year's allocation was IL304,000 and aided 2,750 students.

A survey of 368 scholarship students who took their matriculation examinations last year showed that 23, or only six per cent failed. Of the failures, 15 were unsuccessful in only one subject.

Study Deductable By Professionals

Sums invested in advanced study by professional persons can be taken into consideration in the form of deductions when income tax returns are filed, the Supreme Court sitting as the Court of Civil Appeals yesterday in Jerusalem ruled.

The case was appealed by a dentist, Dr. L. Wolf, over a decision of the Assessment Officer and the Tel Aviv District Court decision. *(Itim)*

(The judgment will be dealt with in a forthcoming *Jerusalem Post Law Report.*)

BOOKLETS CONTAINING eighteen 80 pruta stamps will go on sale in all post office branches beginning March 28. The price is IL1.440.

Dagon Silo Back At Work Under Protest

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Sunday. — The Dagon silo company today resumed unloading durra from the s.s. Catherine.

The company agreed to start up its silo again under protest against the Port manager's order to the United Port Services Company to instruct its workers to remove the partition boards in the ship's holds.

ship's holds, which Dagon claims it is entitled to do.

The company has asked for arbitration in the dispute and suggested the Ministers of Education and Justice and the Director-General of the Ministry of Finance as arbitrators.

The agreement signed last year between the Dagon silo company and the United Port Services Company on the division of labour between them should be re-examined, as it had proved unclear in many of its details, the Ministry of Transport spokesman said today.

The work stoppage on the unloading of ships in Haifa Port was largely a result of the loose wording of the contract, he added.

It was expected that the Director-General of the Ministry would meet representatives of Dagon tomorrow.

Immigrants, 95 and 4, Arrive from Rumania

LYDDA AIRPORT, Wednesday. — One of the oldest immigrants to arrive in Israel stepped off the El Al aircraft which landed here late last night. She is Mrs. Katra Palmer, aged 95, from Bucharest, one of six immigrants who arrived from Rumania.

One of the others was a four-year-old boy, Moritz Ya'akobitch, who came with his 33-year-old mother, Kaila, to rejoin her husband Yehuda whom she has not seen since just after the birth of their son.

Mr. Moshe Rosenbaum, 77; Mrs. Rivka Leah Itzkovitch, 65, and Mrs. Lydia Konsha, 40, of Bucharest, were the other Rumanian newcomers.

The same flight brought Mr. Binyamin Yampolski, 60, of Simferopol in the U.S.S.R. and Mrs. Alice Kailas, 40, of Riga.

FOUR TOURISTS FROM POLAND

LYDDA AIRPORT, Wednesday. — Four tourists arrived from Poland by El Al today to visit relatives for two to three months. They are Mr. Marian Strumin, Mr. Matis Cohen, of Lodz, Mrs. Anna Margolis, of Warsaw, and Mr. Lezer Lorber.

More Jobless In Beersheba Area

BEERSHEBA, Wednesday. — The unemployment position has worsened with the discharge today of 100 railway workers. Before the end of the week, 80 workers in Sdom will be without work.

This brings the figure to 470, including those already registered at the Labour Exchange.

The Ministry of Labour is trying to find relief work for the unemployed.

A COURSE in Scout leadership for 24 teachers in Government Arab schools, including Moslems, Catholics, and Druze was given recently at the Jerusalem Youth Hostel.

Short Way Round, Longest Way Home

ACRE, Wednesday. — A resident of the local Amidar housing estate who was in too much of a hurry to get home to wait for a place inside a bus, climbed onto the roof of the vehicle instead, and will now have to wait 10 days before he gets home again.

Shimon Adari was standing in the queue at a station in the town on February 19. The bus filled up before his turn came and Adari climbed onto the roof by the rear ladder. He was caught and brought before Magistrate Elias Ktelly today. The Magistrate sent him to prison for 10 days.

Physicians' Salary Scale Published

The new wage scales of physicians in the Civil Service, effective as of July 1, 1955, were released yesterday by the Civil Service Commission.

Also published were the salaries that would be paid the physicians in 1956 in accordance with the Government decision of February 20 to pay only two-thirds of the salary increases coming to physicians this year.

Full wages according to the new scales will be paid physicians beginning January 1, 1957. The remaining one-third of the increase for this year will be paid during 1957 and 1958.

The scale of wages (before deductions) is: Grade One — IL485 to IL579; Two — IL415 to IL499; Three — IL335 to IL419; Four — IL305 to IL365; Five — IL260 to IL300; Six — IL225 to IL240; Seven — IL190 to IL205; and Eight — IL160 to IL175.

The basic starting wage of physicians in 1956 is: Grade One — IL406; Two — IL346; Three — IL286; Four — IL258; Five — IL228; Six — IL201; Seven — IL173 and Eight — IL148.

UNRWA Chief Will Report to U.N.

UNITED NATIONS, Wednesday (UP).— Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold has requested Mr. Henry R. Labouisse, Director of the U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), to return to U.N. Headquarters for consultation. Mr. Labouisse is expected to arrive on March 18.

A U.N. announcement said that the Director's return was "in continuation of Mr. Hammarskjold's review of the overall problems of Palestine during his recent visit to the area."

Sand Deposits Found In Upper Galilee

Jerusalem Post Reporter

SAFAD, Wednesday. — A layer of sand and building sand has been discovered near the iron lode at Menara, overlooking Kiryat Shmone in Upper Galilee. The find was made near the iron lode discovered in the area some time ago.

The discovery is of importance to the Upper Galilee as it will lower building costs here. So far the price of a cubic metre of building sand, including transport, was IL12 in Upper Galilee. Now the sand from the new site is not expected to cost more than IL3 per cubic metre.

The Kiryat Shmone District and local Councils and the Even Ve'sid works have shown interest in receiving concessions to exploit the find.

Cables in Brief

BLAST. — Gas exploded at the Iwasaki mine in Joban, Japan, killing 14 workers and injuring seven, it was reported from Tokyo yesterday.

CHEESE. — Members of the U.S. Antarctic expedition are eating and enjoying Dutch cheese buried by explorers 44 years ago. A round Edam from Holland was buried in a food cache by the ill-fated Scott party in 1912, and lay in a tin container, which was unearthed recently.

CAPTURE. — Berlin Communist police captured at gunpoint an American helicopter pilot who "violated Soviet zone territory," the "Berliner Zeitung" reported yesterday. It said that a lieutenant of the West German border police was also captured.

DIPLOMATIC. — Hungary and the Sudan have agreed to establish diplomatic relations. The Hungarian Minister to Egypt, Mr. Gyoergy Zagor, will be concurrently Minister to the Sudan.

CHINA. — An Egyptian cultural delegation has arrived in China, Peking Radio announced yesterday. It is headed by Professor Ibrahim Amin e-Shawarby.

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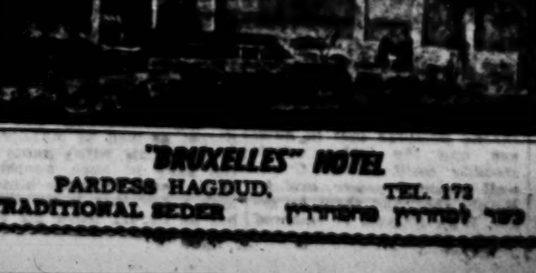

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JEWISH CULTURE IN THE USSR

THE news of the rehabilitation of Trotsky, which so startled the world this week, is now followed by the report, published in the Yiddish daily "Forward," of New York, of the ugly miscarriage of justice which cost the lives of an undisclosed number of Jewish writers and intellectuals in the USSR in 1952.

Apparently responsibility for this crime is to be added to the already crowded account of the late unlamented Lavrenti Beria, while the families of the executed Jewish writers and intellectuals are now offered the meagre consolation of knowing that the names and honour of the victims are to be posthumously vindicated.

This is hardly sufficient restitution for a crime which was unparalleled even in the Stalinist regime with all its uninhibited ruthlessness in the pursuance of the aims of the regime. Even those days record no other instance of the wiping out of all the leaders and promoters of a whole recognized national culture in the Soviet Union.

The cold calculation of the process now stands out in grim perspective. During the dark days of World War II, when the Soviet Union was anxious to exploit every possible source of support in the West and particularly in the United States, it was the very men, like Colonel Itzik Pfeffer, who a few years later were taken out and made the victims of a mass shooting, who were sent abroad to spearhead an appeal to the sympathy of American Jewry. They figured as the leaders of the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee and the books for which they were later condemned were widely used to draw the two countries closer together.

Against the weight of all these circumstances it is futile to expect that mere expressions of regret can wipe out the crime and its consequences.

For when all the regrets have been uttered and all the condolences have been expressed the fact remains that Jewish and Hebrew culture have been utterly rooted out in Russia. Of the scores of nationalities who all enjoy cultural autonomy and State support and encouragement in the vaunted family of nations which the Soviet Union proudly claims to be, only the two and a half million Jews of Russia are nameless. They have no significant press, not a single theatre or national school and no means of spiritual self-expression. Such a state of affairs is in direct conflict with the declared policy of the Soviet Union on the nationalities issue. In fact the history of the Stalinist regime was one of systematic whittling down of the status of the Jewish community and the executions of 1952 only registered the climax of the process.

If then the present regime seeks to make amends there are specific lines of effective action which they can follow. They can restore the Jewish press, reopen the Jewish theatre and other cultural organs and allow contact to be renewed with the intellectual life of Jewry outside the Soviet Union. The latter is an essential factor in what restitution can now be made. The purge, which cost the lives of so many Jewish leaders, was so drastic that today the chances of rehabilitating a vital cultural life in Russia are none too bright. Much inspiration and encouragement will have to come from outside. The test of the new spirit which Russia is now encouraging will be in the active measures taken to fan the dying embers of the flame which brutality and prejudice almost quenched for ever.

SERBIA BUYS TWO STEINHARDT WORKS

The exhibition of works by the Israel artist Ya'acov Steinhardt in Belgrade closed this week, after receiving high praise from the Yugoslav Press. Two of the paintings were purchased by the Serbian Government.

The Twentieth Soviet Communist Party Congress II

Mikoyan Speech Delphic Oracle for West

By ZE'EV LAQUEUR

MIKOYAN'S speech was most certainly a highly interesting contribution to the Twentieth Congress of the Soviet Communist Party, even if we may not accept the claim that it was Russia's "most sensational pronouncement for two decades." In foreign affairs he hardly went beyond what had been said by Khrushchev and Bulganin on several occasions. Hydrogen and atomic warfare, he said, would of course cause great devastation. But contrary to Malenkov in 1953, Mikoyan though it "cannot result in the destruction of mankind and its civilization."

Mikoyan also dealt with the "real opportunity" that had arisen for individual countries to make a peaceful transition to socialism without an armed uprising and by using parliamentary institutions. The Communists would use violence only if and where the enemy would try to oppose by force the great forward march of socialism.

This was not to be confused with socialist reformism. Mikoyan made sure to add that though Socialist parties had gained a majority in the parliaments of certain countries, "their activities are restricted to small concessions in favour of the workers." Then he made it perfectly clear that the new theory of peaceful transition to Socialism had to be taken with a grain of salt: as an example of a socialist revolution by peaceful means he cited Czechoslovakia in 1948, where Communists had come to power, he said "by reason of the favourable post-war situation." As it happens, the Communists had gained power in Prague as the result of a *coup d'état*, facilitated by Soviet political and military pressure, not a parliamentary victory. Which tends to show that Mikoyan meant something different from what is accepted in the West by his reference to the "use of existing Parliamenary institutions" by the Communists.

No More Idols

More important were Mikoyan's remarks on the extremely negative influence exerted on the Party by the "cult of personality" which had flourished during the past 15-20 years (despite the fact that it had been condemned by Marx and Lenin). "For about twenty years we had in fact no collective leadership."

He went on to criticise Stalin's last book "Economic Problems of Socialism in the U.S.S.R." and the "Short Course of the History of the Communist Party" which had for almost 20 years served as the main textbook of Communist studies. He did not admit in so many words that the "Short Course" was a conglomerate of falsifications and distortions, but he stated that "scholarly work on the history of our Party and Soviet Society is perhaps the most backward sector of our ideological work."

Some Party leaders of the early period of the Soviet state, Mikoyan added, had been accused of sabotage by Communist historians for the simple reason that many years later these leaders had been (wrongly) declared "enemies of the people." Here Mikoyan referred to "Comrades Antonov-Ovseyenko and Kosoir" (who had disappeared in the 1937 purge).

The rest of Mikoyan's speech dealt with the sad state of Soviet ideological affairs. From the economic and political aspects, he said, the Soviet Union had reached gigantic heights, but "the majority of our experts are engaged in repeating and paraphrasing old quotations, formulae and theses." Soviet Orientalists were going on happily dozing while the East has wakened up in our times. Soviet economists "are doomed to the role of dogmatists and purveyors of old formulae and data."

Soviet historians, he thought, had falsified facts, had exalted arbitrarily some persons while not mentioning others and giving undeserved prominence to events of secondary prominence. Soviet philosophers were declared to be even more insolvent than the economists and the historians, whereas the state of affairs in Soviet jurisprudence had created "legitimate alarm" in the Central Committee of the Party.

All this made headlines in the West, where strict adherence to the Stalinist dogma had been taken for granted for so many years that great significance was attributed even to minor changes. Yet all the veiled criticism of some excesses of Stalinism that was heard at the Congress was only one issue among many and was not given more space and attention than, say, the place of the Soviet oil industry in the sixth Five-Year Plan.

Regrettable as it is, neither the proceedings nor the resolutions of the Congress offer a clear and conclusive reply to the question whether the Soviet Communist Party has indeed reached a turning point in its history. Optimists may well argue (as some already have) that the Stalin regime of terror is definitely over and that the Soviet Union has entered a more humane phase of development. It may remain impossible, they say, to reach agreement with the Soviet leaders on some important questions. But it will be possible at least (especially for Western Socialists) to find a common language with the Communists, which was impossible under Stalin.

According to the same observers one should not expect too much too fast as far as the liquidation of Stalinism is concerned: it may well last for a generation or more. But once a beginning has been made by the Soviet leaders, there will be no turning back: everything in the Soviet Union will be gradually "normalized," including the status of the leading stratum of Soviet society. There will be no more bloody purges, and this in its turn will be a stabilising factor in Soviet and world affairs. After a generation of Stalinism, in short, the Soviet regime will again become rational in its ideology and practice.

Other observers of the Soviet scene continue to take a more sceptical view about the possibilities of liberalisation and humanisation of the regime. The Soviet rulers have to "debunk" Stalinism somewhat to make themselves popular, they say, but this will remain in narrow limits, be it only for the simple reason that Khrushchev, Bulganin, Mikoyan and all others are products of Stalinism and personally responsible for the execution of Stalin's policies.

Stalinism, in the "pessimists'" opinion, was only a logical development of Leninism. The dictatorship of the proletariat becomes the dictatorship of the party, or rather the party organization, which substitutes itself for the party as a whole. Then the Central Committee substitutes itself for the party organization, and in the end a single dictator takes over from the Central Committee. What happened under Stalin is likely to happen again, unless there should be a radical break with the past, which obviously has not yet taken place.

The rehabilitation of some minor figures of Soviet history and disparaging remarks about some textbooks, these observers conclude, do not mean that the basic principles which led to Stalinism have been given up. And even if some directoire of three or six or twelve rather than a single *Vozhd* should continue to wield power in the Soviet Union in the next few years—what basic difference will it make for Soviet and world politics?

And yet, Soviet policy is not fore-ordained. The only thing the outside observer can say with reasonable certainty is that some developments are more, and others less likely. Otherwise, Engels' dictum about the eating being the proof of the pudding still holds good: It is the next few months that will provide the answer to the questions raised but left open by the Twentieth Party Congress.

This is the second of two articles. The first appeared yesterday.

Beginners' Hands make their first attempts at drawing the outlines of letters as lunch breaks become study periods at Jerusalem's Rafa laboratories.

Photo by Eisenstark

Stamp Out the Thumbmark

By YEHUDA EISENSTARK

THE sad truth that the "Learn Hebrew" campaign has not even kept pace with new immigration, and that thousands of Israelis do not even know how to read or write their native language, let alone Hebrew, was realised by a number of factories and institutions when the management noticed that a number of employees were making a thumb-mark on their paychecks by way of endorsement.

The drive that is now being conducted by a number of establishments throughout the country in cooperation with the Histadrut and the Ministry of Education has, as its goal, the stamping out of the thumb-mark signature by giving every working man and woman in Israel an elementary knowledge of reading and writing.

A survey brought out the fact that most of the illiterate employees wanted to learn, but were not in a position to avail themselves of the teaching facilities offered to them under the Hebrew Language Campaign. They were prevented from studying in their spare time by family cares, social conditions, housing circumstances and financial troubles. It was then that somebody had a new idea—why not take advantage of factory lunch hours and do the teaching at work? And why not have ordinary fellow-employees, instead of professionals, do the teaching?

The idea was enthusiastically received by some employers, although it involves longer breakfast or lunch breaks. Some, like Rafa, undertook to shoulder the entire cost of the time that is lost; others divide it with the workers' committees. Other employers, however, have simply rejected out of hand the request of the Ministry and of the Histadrut that they allocate a few additional minutes for the purpose of having their employees learn to read and write.

The first stage of the drive, which began a month ago, and aims to teach 3,000 people how to read or write in the space of two months, takes in 400 classes, including 70 in Jerusalem, 75 in Haifa (30 of these are aboard ships), 50 in Tel Aviv, and the rest in Beersheba, Beit Shemesh, Ashkelon, etc.

When you enter one of the halls where the studying goes on at lunchtime, you are surprised at the number of employees of all ages (up to 70) who sit poring over their copybooks around the "teacher." The textbooks, which have been provided free of charge by the Ministry, have been especially designed for the purpose. Beside every letter, word or drawing there are lines upon lines of empty space—room for the beginner to try his hand at the unfamiliar characters, at first clumsily, and then with increasing skill.

NATURE NOTES

Newcomers To Tel Aviv

THE Tel Aviv Biological Station got a pair of Bald Ibises *(Comatibis eremita — Maglan mitrupatz)* from Switzerland, where these beautiful birds used to nest but have now died out. In fact, they are no longer to be found in Europe at all. The Station hopes that they will breed here, and if the brood succeeds, they will be set free in the Hula Reserve.

The bald ibis (also hermit ibis) is black, shimmering green and purple like watered silk, with a very large plumed crest of the same colour on the back of his head. The forehead and poll are bald, with the red skin peeping out.

Israel has one ibis as a winter visitor, the Glossy Ibis *(Plegadis falcinellus — Maglan)* a coppery-brown species which usually appears singly, or in very small companies in swampy parts of the country. The Hebrew name is derived from *magal*, sickle, and refers to the shape of the bill, indeed the most characteristic part of the bird.

Another charming newcomer, so far only a male, alas, is the Booted Eagle *(Hieratus pennatus — Ait gamadi)*, no larger than 40 centimetres from tip to tail, with trousered legs. Israel boasts ten eagles in her bird list, of whom only few breed here. The commonest of these is Bonelli's Eagle *(Hieratus fascinatus — ait nitzi)*. At this time, the usually single egg should already be laid in the nest which is always in rocky caves of the hill country. There are never more than two eggs. But oddly enough, these eagles build two nests, using them alternatively. *P.A.*

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The Old Lady of the Mountain

By YESHAYAHU ASHNI

THERE is a living legend atop Mt. Canaan.

It began 28 years ago, when a 50-year-old lady, gentle and retiring but determined and with an extraordinary capacity for work, came to Safad and decided to build a garden of Eden atop the mountain. Today the garden is there, and the legend goes on.

Born in Melbourne of an Austrian father and a Dutch mother, Mrs. Sarah Levy married a native of Berlin at 17 and then spent several years in San Francisco and in Alaska, whence she moved to Singapore. It is her estate there that you can see in the old-fashioned family photographs that adorn her parlour, and it is from Singapore that she came to this country in 1926, a decision largely prompted by the Zionist background of her husband and her father, wealthy exporter who had been an ardent disciple of Herzl.

She redeemed Arab land at Natanya, Mikve Israel and Jebeliya, but Mt. Canaan's magnificent desolation and the unrivalled panorama from its top fascinated her. She fell in love with the mountain: atop it she planted seedling after seedling, atop it she reared up building after building. Day and night, in wind and storm, with stubbornness and love, she built her Garden of Eden amidst the mountain's rocks.

The Donkey Train

She bought a donkey train to carry the water up the mountain — 80 donkeys that had to go up so far that by the time they reached the top the water cans which had been filled to the brim at the source were half-empty. She brought soil from Rosh Pina and Meron. She built cisterns for the rainwater.

Within two years, there was a new settlement on the map of Jewish Palestine — Kiryat Sara, consisting of a modern four-storey hotel complete with cinema hall and ten pavilions, which she proceeded to rent out to artists at the nominal fee of a quarter of a pound a year.

Sara Levy, a faithful reader of The Jerusalem Post, sits with it for her first newspaper picture.

Photo by Ashni

The artists did not stay long — there was no livelihood for them on Mt Canaan, and the disturbances were beginning. Only one couple remained, and they are there to this day. He runs the Mt. Canaan meteorological station, and she is an artist. They are elderly now but they are full of energy, and when Mrs. Levy signed over all her property as a living legacy to the Jewish National Fund two years ago, she made provision for their right to continue to reside in their bungalow as long as they please.

Surrounded by hostile bands, Mrs. Levy went on with her planting throughout the "disturbances" of 1936. The Arabs sent a letter up to her, threatening her with murder if she did not leave. "You can only die once," she informed them calmly. The rioters placed a prize on her head. She remained on her mountain.

Invited to America

When World War II broke out, her son and daughter, fearing for her safety, invited her to America. She would not forsake her mountain, refused to leave with the British soldiers on the eve of the War of Liberation. She was left in her house on the cold and rocky mountain without company, without newspapers, sometimes without bread.

She was like a mother to the men of the Palmach who reached Mt. Canaan. When they went out on their first reprisal raid to blow up the headquarters of Kaukji's bands at Sasa, 20 kilometres behind the enemy lines, and when they destroyed the snipers' nest at the house of Subghi el Hadra above Birya, she waited up for them till the early morning to dress their wounds and make hot coffee for them. They knocked out gun emplacements in the walls of her house and set up a first-aid station in one of the pavilions. She shared the last of her provisions with them until our "primus" planes were able to drop supplies to them by parachute.

As soon as the war was over, she set out with her hoe to repair the damage that the battle had wrought to her orchards and her landscaping. When she bequeathed the entire estate to the Jewish National Fund in 1953, two parcels of land were excepted. One, consisting of one pavilion and ten dunams, are for her son and her daughter in America, theirs to live in but not to sell. Her dream is that they should come here and continue her work. The other is a burial plot for herself, in the shade of a pine grove which she herself once planted.

Her home is a treasure house of paintings and antiques, and the front room houses an Ark with Torah scrolls and an ancient *shofar* which she bought when they came from Germany in 1936. She often invites a *minyan* to worship there. Accompanying prayer with good works, she has set up a loan fund for the needy.

When I left Mrs. Levy last month after the talk in which she consented at last to be photographed for the other readers of *The Jerusalem Post*, she asked me to order two cherry saplings for her at the cooperative store. She wanted to plant them when it was spring.

YESTERDAY'S PRESS

Time Running Out

ECHOING Mr. Ben-Gurion's declaration in Tuesday's Knesset debate that "if war breaks out the responsibility will rest with the United States," "Davar" (Histadrut) observes that between the will for peace and victory in a defensive war stands the natural right and obligation of any nation in danger to concern itself freely and independently with the means necessary for its security and defence. Time is running out and the moment is not opportune for so great a power as the United States to play diplomatic games with the existence and security of a small country like Israel.

"Herut" stresses that it is not for the people of Israel to judge the other powers, for it is not they who have elected the President of the United States or the leaders of the Soviet Union, upon whom Mr. Ben-Gurion is trying to thrust the responsibility for the collapse of his policy. Ben-Gurion's resort to contempt in yesterday's Knesset debate lowered to a cheap level and he preferred to discuss "history" instead of addressing himself to the serious straits in which Israel now finds herself. The reason is that he has no reply to the charges levelled against the Government, and the hands automatically raised in its defence against the non-confidence motion do not express the real temper of the nation.

War is not certain, writes "Al Hamishmar" (Mapam), but it is possible, and the danger must be before us every moment. We must not grow panicky but we should not be complacent, so that when the hour strikes it will find us ready. Already we have been witnessing a tremendous voluntary movement to assist the border settlements, but there is still much to be done and the gap between talk and action is still wide. Now that a public committee is being set up, we may look forward to more purposeful and efficient activity, but civilian defence still leaves a lot to be desired. (Tuesday's "Ha'aretz" editorial dwells on this point at length).

"Hatsofe" (World Mizrahi) also lauds the setting up of a public coordinating committee and calls upon the orthodox section of the nation to join the stream of volunteers, asking the Chief Rabbinate to make an appeal for widespread response.

"Lamerhav" (Ahdut Ha'avoda) disagrees with General Zionist contentions that the coexistence of public ownership, with capitalism is not possible in this country because there is a danger of the former's choking out the latter. But in a country beset by difficulties and problems like present-day Israel, this should not be interpreted as sanctioning "capitalist" control over vital sections of the economy.

"Ha'aretz" (non-party) spotlights the anomaly of the Finance Minister's approving a loan to a municipality which had been turned down by the Minister of Interior (all this happened during the reign of the previous Government) and says that while this may be a small matter in itself and does not really smack of irregularity, there is such a thing as a Budget Law which should be respected and followed. Otherwise, why should the Minister of Finance go to the trouble of drawing up a budget and the Knesset lose precious hours in haggling over it?

"Haboker" (General Zionist) takes a more serious view of the matter and points out that it is just another example of how Mapai Ministers permit themselves to act in accordance with their own wishes. Those same Ministers who were so meticulous about the General Zionist stand in the Kastner affair have assisted Mayors of their own party to rebel against Government policy and even rewarded them for it. Let Mr. Ben-Gurion, who has claimed that we are no more corrupt than other countries, cite another nation where the Treasury permits itself to hand out "gifts" for rebelling against another Minister's policy.

Readers' Letters

RALLY

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Referring to your report of February 12 on a meeting in Nazareth which was addressed by Dr. Sneh, I should like to point out that those who took an active part in the Congress were of different ideologies and that the majority of the signatories to the appeal for the abolition of military rule and closed areas are Mayors, mukhtars, landlords and intelligentsia, both Jews and Arabs. It could therefore hardly be called pro-Communist.

The Congress was a success in every respect and the participants certainly numbered much more than the figure of 280 given by you.

Yours, etc.
MANSUR T. KARDOSH
Nazareth, February 17.

CRUEL ARRANGEMENT

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir,—The time is now approaching when owners of dogs in Tel Aviv must take their pets to the slaughterhouse to renew their licences as well as for vaccination. This ugly building is situated far from the main part of the city and few dog-owners are in the happy position of being able to get there in their own cars. Most of them are compelled to sit or stand uncomfortably in overcrowded buses with the animals at their feet or in their arms.

Moreover — and this is the main point — most animal-lovers are very sensitive to the surroundings in which they have to wait, sometimes for hours, while frequently hearing the terrible cries of dying animals.

I am convinced that the Municipality has at its disposal buildings or localities nearer the centre of the city and in more pleasant surroundings.

Yours etc.,
P. SUSSKIND
Tel Aviv, January 22.

Municipality Replies

The Chief Municipal Veterinary Surgeon has explained to us that the opening of a special branch on other premises for the vaccination of dogs involves many difficulties, and not only budgetary ones, such as housing, a doctor, a clerk, cold storage facilities for serums, etc.

In any case, the Municipal Veterinary Surgeon is ready to re-examine the possibilities of making such an arrangement, but only after completion of the present operation of examination and licensing of dogs, which can be done only at the slaughterhouse.

Yours etc.,
YEHUDA NEDIVI
Town Clerk, Tel Aviv Municipality

THANKS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — With the termination of our struggle for the implementation of Government's resolution regarding the salaries of doctors, we deem it our pleasant duty to express our heartiest gratitude to you for your helpful attitude and the full information given by you throughout the time.

Yours, etc.
Central Committee of Kupat Holim Doctors
Tel Aviv, February 22.

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KEEPING POSTED

EDUCATION has become a badly-worn garment in Israel, stretched thin everywhere, and notably short in places. When education fails, magic comes flowing back again and often it is an easier way to short-lived enjoyment. Take that market in Tel Aviv again, for instance. It is full of magic nowadays. Magic pens. You press on a button and it writes. In Allenby Road it is merely a ball-point. "Magic pictures" are stereoscopic slides of a caravan racing through the desert. We joined a crowd staring up in the air. A magic carpet perhaps? After all, there are no more flying saucers lately — the Martians apparently looked this place over and decided it wasn't worth having. A "magician" with a coloured tarboosh on his head was blowing flights of soap bubbles through a new contraption. Thousands of bubbles... see how they fly... all colours... 50 prutot for the contraption... 50 prutot for the magic that draws all this crowd. It sold quite well.

IN the old days magic was not always so well received. When Queen Elizabeth I of England ascended the throne perfume was in daily use, and the fashion grew steadily until Oliver Cromwell assumed power, and he simply abolished them by order. With Charles II restored to the throne, cosmetics and perfumes again came on the scene, and by the 18th century seem to have become something of a menace, for a Bill was introduced into Parliament containing a clause which read: "That all women of whatever age, rank, profession or degree, whether virgins, maids or widows, that shall impose upon, seduce, or betray into matrimony any of His Majesty's subjects with scents, paints, cosmetics, washes, artificial teeth, false hair, Spanish wool, iron stays, hoops, high heeled shoes, bolstered hips, shall incur the penalty of the law in force against witchcraft and like misdemeanours, and that the marriage, upon conviction, shall stand null and void."

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MOST of the letters received by this paper are complaints about one thing and another, naturally. Is anyone going to write and say that he saw a bus driver wait for an old lady to reach the stop, take in her packages, help her up the steps, settle her on a seat, discover she is on the wrong bus, take her packages out again, and help her down the steps, all with a smile on his face? But we have a letter this week which at least indicates the same chivalrous instincts as those of the smiling bus driver. "Mr. Kishon often disappoints us when he writes in an unwitty manner on events that are quite unreal and no better than fiction. After reading his last article in the issue of February 23 ([illegible]) I feel obligated to tell him that it is ungentlemanlike and improper as well as outrageous to abuse his wife's name for the sake of such nonsense. If he cares to make himself look a fool that is one thing, but he should leave his wife out of it."

WE were looking at a French picture paper the other day when two unfamiliar words in the advertisement caught our eye "Demandez toujours Draille Pelle." We thought our French must be getting rusty, and studied the thing more carefully. It showed a bottle of sherry and there, sure enough, on the label, it said "Dry Pale." It was nice to have the mystery cleared up, and even more satisfactory to know that the educated French are no cleverer at pronouncing foreign languages than anyone else. We had previously always thought the phonetic version of the names of French wines a little undignified in the advertising sections of such magazines as the "New Yorker," our favourite item being — Buy Tio Pepe (ask for "T.O. Peppy").

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A VERY small girl sidled into the grocer's and looked forlorn among the crowd of bulky women waiting to be served. "Little girl," said the grocer, taking pity on her, "If it's just one thing you want I'll give it you now and you needn't wait." The child said honestly that no, she needed two things. When her turn came at long last she said, "Please give me two rolls."

Today's contributors include [illegible], Tel Aviv, and [illegible], Rehovot.

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THE CHIEF RABBINATE OF ISRAEL

Kashrut Department
Instructions for Passover 5716

To the Manufacturers of Foods:

1. With the Passover holiday approaching we remind all manufacturers of food products that they should apply to their local rabbinate for the Certificate of Kashrut for their products, which will be issued after the necessary arrangements for Passover have been made.
2. See to it that the food products which are Kasher for Pesah bear the special Kashrut seal with the name of the rabbinate or rabbi that issued the approval.
3. Make all the necessary arrangements at the earliest so that we can include them in lists of food products which are Kasher for Pesah which are about to be published.

To Storekeepers & Directors of Consumers Cooperatives:

1. To avoid mix-ups, all storekeepers and directors of consumers' cooperatives are asked at this time to set aside a special place for Matzot and Kasher-le-Pesah articles, so that no flourdust and "Hametz" particles will touch them. Matzot which are not Kasher-le-Pesah should be removed before the Passover Matzot are distributed.
2. Only Matzot marked with the "Magen David" and bearing the inscription "כשר לפסח תשט״ז" should be permitted in the stores.
3. It should be seen to it that only food products specially prepared for Passover under rabbinical supervision are sold to the public. All such products must bear the rabbinical approval for the year 5716 and a seal or label "כשר לפסח".
4. The weights and scales should be thoroughly cleansed. Knives and spoons must be new. Liquid measuring vessels must be new or must be ritually cleansed.
5. Paperbags used for Passover foods must be of the type specially prepared for Passover.
6. Wholesalers, directors of consumers' cooperatives, manufacturers of foods etc. must sell their "Hametz" at the office of the local rabbinate or through the rabbinate's authorized representatives. Ask for a certificate of sale.

Since "Hametz" which remained in the possession of a Jew during Passover may not be used even after Passover, the public should buy its food after the holiday at those stores only whose owners have a certificate to the effect that they sold their "Hametz" before Passover.

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